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Robberv was bid to get a jail term

A FORMER soldier threat-A FORMER soldier threat-ened staff at a high street chocolate shop with a knife and demanded £20 from the till – before handing himself into police, saiving he wanted to go to jail. David Fisher, 59, pointed the kitchen knife at a member of staff at Thorn-tons in Walsall but the cashier refused his request for money and pressed a

for money and pressed a buzzer to alert police. But Fisher walked straight to Walsall Police Station, placed the four-inch blade on the reception desk and confessed his crime.

Lifestyle

The court heard he had committed a 'bizarre' robbery three years earlier. Fisher pleaded guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court to a charge of attempted robbery and another of possessing a blade. The court heard that Fisher, in the British Army for 10 years, wanted to return to the regimental lifestyle of prison, having served a one-year sentence for a similar offence in 2010.

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, defending, said both crimes

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, defending, said both crimes had been 'cries for help'. Fisher, of Hollyhedge Lane, Walsall, was given two suspended sentences to run concurrently for 20 months. He must also complete a Thinking Skills Programme.

Bail is given to golf pro

A GOLF professional who was arrested on suspicion of downloading indecent images of children has been re-bailed until December.

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Guy Dean, who has
worked at golf clubs in
Pelsall, Penn, Rowley Regis,
West Bromwich, and
Cannock, was first arrested
in April. Penn Golf Club
accepted his resignation
with immediate effect after
his arrest.
The 43-year-old from
Bloxwich has previously said

Bloxwich has previously said that he had helped police with their inquiries. He has been a golf pro since 1986.

BUS STATION TOUT OF PLAN

PROPOSALS for a rail station at Aldridge and road improvements at Junction 10 have been welcomed in Walsall. But the failure to back multimillion pound plans for a new bus station has left the borough's council leader disappointed.

Transport plans for the Black Country, including putting £5.8m towards a rail station for Aldridge and electrification of the line, have been backed by transport bosses.

The Black Country Strategic Transport Board, set up to decide how to use a Government fund worth between £18.4 million and £36.8m, has earmarked the cash for a mix of road and rail schemes. rail schemes

Enterprise

The board wants to put money into a £39.8m scheme to rebuild bridges over the M6 at Junction 10 at Walsall so that businesses will want to move to an Enterprise Zone in Darlaston.

Zone in Darlaston.

Councillor John Rochelle, representative for Aldridge, said he was delighted cash would be pumped into a new station at Aldridge.

"It will be a blessing and it will be a well used facility taking some of the pressure off the roads as well," he said. "If we didn't have a good car park for it, it would be a disaster."

The board has turned

be a disaster."

The board has turned down plans to re-open freight rail lines for trams between Walsall and Stourbridge and 'rapid buses' to shuttle people from Wolverhampton city centre to the i54 business park on the northern edge of the city.

They have also ruled out using the Government fund for work to improve traffic

for work to improve traffic flow on the Willenhall Road and Neachells Lane junction in Portobello

by Daniel Wainwright

Most controversially, they have also ruled out putting cash towards a new £14m bus station in Walsall.

Mike Bird, leader of Walsall Council, said it was disampoint in the board.

Walsall Council, said it was disappointing that the board had not backed the revamp of the town's bus interchange in Bradford Place.

He added: "We have to rethink how we will get the funding."

The bus station plans were said to address 'a key local problem' but the board said it 'does not rank highly in terms of strategic fit and

said it 'does not rank highly in terms of strategic fit and ranks relatively poorly in terms of deliverability'. The board is also prepared to pump £10m into the redevelopment of Wolverhampton rail station, although the £96m project is still a long way off due to lack of Government funding. Rushall and Shelfield Councillor Richard Worrall, a transport campaigner, said

a transport campaigner, said he was disappointed by the Bradford Place decision, where a revamp was long overdue.

overdue.

He was also concerned at
the Walsall-Stourbridge rail
line decision, which had put
back the borough's access to
the south-west rail network
avoiding Birmingham for
possible future passenger
trains. But he could see
Aldridge rail station being a
'runaway sucess', particu-'runaway sucess', particu-larly if it meant direct trains to Birmingham

It's a sweet life for the candy man



Plenty to chews from - Mark Smith at The Sweet Shop, in Walsall, which has b en tempting customers for three years

AFTER giving up balancing the books former accountant Mark Smith decided he wanted to tickle the taste-

decided he wanted to tickle the tastebuds instead.

And when young daughter Jessica suggested opening a sweet shop, it was just the push Mr Smith needed to start his own business. The Sweet Shop, in Walsall, is celebrating its three-year anniversary and business is booming. Father-of-four Mr Smith said: "It's been tough but fun. Although I'm not from Walsall, I love the town and my customers.

I also adore sweets so that certainly

The 42-year-old, who originates from Warwickshire, was persuaded to open a sweet shop by nine-year-old Jossica

essica. He added: "We were driving through He added: "We were driving through Kenilworth in early spring in 2010 and we passed a shop in the town and she piped up and said 'Oh daddy, wouldn't it be nice to own a sweet shop?". I thought about it for a whole second, turned to her and simply said 'Yes – it would be brilliant'. "A few months later I secured a tenancy with the Old Square Shopping Centre."

Centre."
Mr Smith, who lives in Polesworth,

said the key to a successful sweet shop was looking after customers and knowing everything about sweets, as well as stocking offerings suitable for

well as stocking offerings suitable for vegetarians.

Mr Smith also makes bespoke hampers for his customers. "If it's a gift for someone, wrap it up for them and make it pretty. Those things make a difference to people."

The shop has its own Facebook and Twitter pages.

Mr Smith said the most popular sweet was pineaple rock closely followed by lollipops, which come in 37 different flavours.

Work to start on revamp of shops

THE transformation of a Walsall shopping centre, with new Primark and Co-op stores, is to begin before the end of November. It is due to take just over a year to complete the first phase of a £21m revamp at Old Square Shopping Centre.

Cash-strapped Walsall Council has agreed to inject almost £8m into the scheme for the flagship stores, creating 150 jobs. The council would be responsible for regeneration and then rent would be payable to them.

The initial investment is coming from council balances, not from borrowing,

ances, not from borrowing, with bosses saying it is a major part of the regeneration of the town centre.

Investment

Investment

Morgan Sindall has been appointed as the contractor and construction work is expected to take 55 weeks. The authority has been working alongside centre owners Threadneedle to get the long-awaited project under way. Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: "We need to get them with their doors open and get shoppers into the town."

Meanwhile, a row has broken out over another shopping arcade in the town centre. A total of £25,000 has been set aside to refurshish Park Street Arcade but concerns have been raised that talks between owner Pete Khosla and the council are failing to make progress. An estimated 100,000 people each week pass through the arcade to get to the bus and rail stations. Councillor Eileen Russell, said: "Part of the arcade looks unsightly with pigeon dirt and the paving is uneven. It's an eyesore. Mr Khosla and Sports Direct

uneven. It's an eyesore. Mr Khosla and Sports Direct have been stonewalling

have been stonewalling council officers.
Mr Khosla, of VR Investments, said: "Myself and our surveyor Nick Plant have been in negotiations with the council about the arcade. We haven't been stonewalling them we're extra them, we're actually waiting on them to get back to us." Sports Direct did not want

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Four months of M6 roadworks ahead

will see a stretch of the M6 closed from the Walsall-Sandwell border have been announced, as part of a £126.4 million congestion-busting

Work is taking place to open the hard shoulder on the M6 between junctions five at Castle Bromwich and junction eight for the M5.

Once the work is completed, as part of the Managed Motorways

Highways Agency has announced overnight closures between September and December to enable work to resurface the carriageway as well as the installation of gantry mounted signs, CCTV cameras and vehicle detective losses.

project, drivers will be able to use the hard shoulder during heavy con-gestion.

Highways Agency has announced

December – finishing ahead of the Christmas and New Year period. The closures will be in place on both the northbound and south-

both the northbound and south-bound carriageways.

Bosses say work would be limited to one direction at a time where pos-sible. Complete closures in both directions will be required but have been programmed to take place at weekends when traffic levels are lighter.

nights will be implemented from as early as 10pm, if traffic flows are low enough, through to 8am the next day. Closures from Monday to Thursday nights will be start from as early as 10pm, if traffic flows are low, through to 5.30am.

Rob Edwards, project manager, said: "Using overnight closures minimises disruption to the public."

Residents lose round one of bid to save pubs

new plans for both premises were backed by the council, despite a total almost 750 objec-

the council, despite a total difference tions to the proposals.

Permission for the Red Cow in Pelsall to be converted into a house was passed by the planning committee while support was also given to a scheme to replace the Magic Lantern in Beechdale with

by Craig Hughes

it was to go

Asian cuisine.

Stroll down memory lane

RESIDENTS can take a stroll down memory lane in Aldridge. Historian Betty Fox is leading a local history walk from St Mary's Church, off Little Aston Road, on September 12 from 7 to 8.30pm. The walk costs £1 and places can be booked on 01922 721305.

However, applicants claimed the Marston's pub is no longer viable and there were nine alternative pubs within a three to 15 minute

within a three to 15 minute walk.

The meeting was told there had been an alternative proposal put forward to take over the pub and offer

Lantern open, told councillors: "This is a family pub. There is never any trouble,

Lantern in Beechdale with shops.
Campaigners hoping to support the shops have lodged nominations for them to be listed as assets of community value, handing them hopes of a last ditch reprieve.
A decision on whether to list them will be made within the next eight weeks, and if There is never any trouble, there is never any mess.
"Beechdale can't sustain any more shops."
Ward councillor Lee Jeavons, a member of the committee, proposed a motion moving refusal over the increased anti-social behaviour the development would bring.
But members voted in favour of the proposals.
Council leader Mike Bird, vice-chairman of the plan-

the next eight weeks, and if successful it will allow the communities time to put together offers for the prem

Despite this ongoing process Walsall Council last week granted formal planning approval for proposals which would lead to both pubs being forced to call the final last orders.

Downturn

Council leader Mike Bird, vice-chairman of the planning meeting, said: "A business can only survive by making a profit."

Plans to covert the Red Cow in Allens Lane were also given the go-ahead.
A petition calling for it to stay as a pub attracted more than 300 signatures.

People said it was a meeting point for residents and would take something away from the community if it was to go. Moves to change the Magic Lantern, off Cavendish Road, prompted a 377-name petition and eight letters of objection. Owners Red Star Estates Limited highlighted the financial downturn for wanting to close the pub as it is losing £1,500 a week.

Bosses said money made from shops would help safe guard the future of its other drinking establishments in the borough.

the borough. But Birchills and Leamore

councillor Tina Jukes, who has been leading the cam-paign to keep the Magic

Councillor funds bus



Relaunching the 35A – Walsall Mayoress Riaz Begum, Councillor Richard Worrall, Mary Street and Mayor of Walsall Mohammed Nazir

Mary Street and Mayor of Walsall Mohammed Nazir

Sunday service through part of Walsall –
three years after the service was withdrawn.
Councillor Richard Worrall, who campaigned to revive the route, was there to see
the first 35A bus on its way with Walsall's
mayor and mayoress on board.

The Labour representative for Rushall is
using his council allowance to help cover the
cost of the hourly service. The pilot scheme

Restaurant & Takeaway

Firm is ordered to obey

THE leader of Walsall Council has welcomed a decision to uphold enforcement notices the authority served against a waste firm.

served against a waste firm.
Officers served notices
more than 10 months ago
which required AB Waste to
leave sites it was using in
Darlaston without planning
permission. The notices
were subject to appeals,
leading to visits being made
by the Planning Inspectorate to the former Railway
Tavern site, in Kendricks
Road, and the former Junction Works site off Cemetery
Road.
The Junction Works

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The Junction Works notice, served on September 21 last year, gave a month for the company to stop bringing materials in and six months to process it, remove stockpiles and leave. A second, on the former pubsite, being used as a car park and for storage, was served on October 23 requiring the firm to leave in three months. months.

months.

Inspector Katie Peerless dismissed both appeals.
Council leader Mike Bird said: "The company now has three months to comply with each notice. This includes removing the skips and containers from the site of the former Railway Tavern pub and the former Junction Works site." Works site.

The firm was ordered to The firm was ordered to pay more than £13,000 by a court in September 2011 after admitting six counts of failing to compy with permit requirements. AB Waste declined to

Moped rider wins battle

A MOPED rider hit with a A MOPED rider hit with a £70 fine after parking his bike in Walsall town centre has had his ticket rescinded. Mark Blackstock was slapped with the penalty after leaving his Jawa in a bike stand outside the New

after leaving his Jawa in a bike stand outside the New Art Gallery for 15 minutes.

The 51-year-old said it is registered as a bicycle. But Walsall Council said it was left in a designated area for pedal cycles and was classed as a motor vehicle, so the ticket was issued correctly.

Mr Blackstock, of Chuckery, appealed the fine received on August 7 and the authority has agreed to cancel the ticket. He added: "It would have been useful to have had guidance in the letter on where I can and can not park in the future."

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Bag a bargain for

heart charity shop

BRITISH Heart Founda-tion shops are launching

BRITISH Heart Foundarion shops are launching their biggest stock donation appeal, the Great British Bag-athon, with an event today (Thursday) at the Saddlers Centre.

BHF shops are urging Walsall folk to fill up bags full of unwanted items to be sold to help fight heart disease. The event will be launched by Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Mohammad Nazir, when he donates the first bag at 11am on launch day at Park Street.

Between September 5 to 7 and 12 to 14 volunteers will be in the Saddlers Centre giving out stock donation bags.

Collectors back at leisure centre

AT IeISUFE CENTRE
THE Toy and Train Collectors Fair returns to Oak
Park Leisure Centre, Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood
on Sunday, from 10.30am
More than 70 tables will
be offering a wide selection
of toy cars, trains, buses,
old and new plus other collectables and railway
accessories.

Technical college is growing

THE multi-million pound project for a construction technical college in Bloxwich is get by proper and the property of the prop

project for a construction technical college in Bloxwich is gathering pace.

More than 100 firm have pledged to support the West Midlands Construction University Technical College.

The £8m building will open in September 2014 – sharing the site of the £9.5m Black Country UTC, which specialises in engineering.

Work will begin soon to remodel the Vernon Way site to create room for the UTC, with shared and separate facilities being created.

Principal Tom Macdonald said foundations would be laid for two 'eco-houses' to allow students to construct their own buildings.

The school will have 3D printers, material testing fecilities and one of the ICT.

The school will have 3D printers, material testing facilities and one of the ICT rooms will be a 'visualisation lab' with touch-screen tables.

The 37-year-old principal said: "The site is going to be incredible. There's some forward-thinking ICT facilities being put in place."

The school will cater for 600 teenagers from across the region.

'Meet the principal' is planned for September 23 to October 4 to give people the chance to speak to Mr Macdonald and tour the site. Go towww.westmidlandsconstr towww.westmidlandsconstr uctionutc.co.uk for details.

Race driver gets notice

A DRIVER seen racing in A DRIVER seen racing in Aldridge has been issued with a warning notice as part of a police crackdown to rid the community of the problem.

Complaints have been Complaints have been received about a large number of vehicles with noisy sound systems and exhausts gathering in Brick-yard Road, Leighswood Road and near to Aldridge Community Centre. Police are due to seek a High Court injunction which would give them greater powers and could see speeders fined or jailed.

A driver seen racing in

A driver seen racing in Brickyard Road was given a warning notice, which if ignored, could see police can seizing the vehicle.

Pleasure tales

A TALK by Helen Larner on 18th and 19th century London pleasure gardens will be held at Blue Coat School, Birmingham Road, Walsall, on September 11. It starts at 7.30pm

Connie to feature on game soundtrack



Connie Talbot

her latest project – performing the soundtrack for a new PlayStation game. The Britain's Got Talent star has recorded the vocals for a song

only be seen when the rain falls, so players have to find their way around interacting with what becomes visible as the water comes down.

Connie performs lyrics set to famous Debussy masterpiece Clair de Lune.

In a You Tube video about the making of the music of Rain, Connie talks about how much she

music of Rain, Connie talks about how much she loved the whole experience.

The singer said: "They sent me through a demo of Rain at first and then they sent a backing track and it was really tricky to get the timing as it was just a piano piece at first, made into a song.

"It was a challenge to fit all the words in but I managed to do it and it was really cool. It was a really great experience and I really like the song."

Connie's mother Sharon Talbot said Connie

Connie's mother Sharon Talbot said Connie had enjoyed the experience and was now looking forward to the launch of the game.

"It's something different that she's not been asked to do before," she said. "It's a very famous piece of music she's performing to and it will be exciting to hear it playing on the back of the game. She wasn't fazed by it at all."

It is now six years since Connie shot to fame on the first ever series of Britain's Got Talent.

She reached the finals of the show after impressing Simon Cowell and his fellow judges with her rendition of Over the Rainbow.

She has since gone on to record albums and regularly tours the Far East.

Drink driver admits causing death of young motorcyclist

Helpers muck in to spruce up garden



Mayor of Solihull, Joe Tildesley, HomeServe UK CEO, Jonathan King, winner, Beth Batham and hospice manager, Elizabeth Cottier with other HomeServe staff who spent the day gardening at the Marie Curie hospice

DOZENS of volunteers from Walsall

DOLENS or volunteers from Walsali donned gardening gloves to help a cancer charity.

The group of 50 from HomeServe's Walsall and Banbury offices descended on Marie Curie's hospice in Solihull to improve the garden setting for patients and their families.

and their families.

The volunteers, who were given an extra days leave as part of a Gardening Volunteer Week, toiled away in flower beds, spruced up garden benches and worked in the hospice restaurant over the course of the week.

HomeServe donated more than £5,000 for materials such as soil improver, compost and plants.

Albert Hill, a HomeServe plumbing

and drainage engineer, also installed an outside garden tap. Volunteers were split into three teams and a King of the Crop trophy was handed to the team which pro-duced the best flower bed.

duced the best flower bed.

It was won by a group called The Passionate Perennials.

HomeServe Membership UK CEO
Jonathan King said: "The continuing support of all our staff to the Marie Curie partnership has been incredible.

"Whether it's trekking to the summit of Mount Snowden, taking part in last summer's cycling challenge or yolunteering for projects like this.

or volunteering for projects like this, colleagues at all levels are never short of enthusiasm or dedication." Eliza-

beth Cottier, manager at the Marie Curie Hospice, West Midlands, said: "The volunteers from HomeServe have made a valuable contribution in the hospice garden and all their time and energy has helped to ensure that there is a peaceful and pleasant environment for patients and their families when they visit."

The garden project is an extension on previous activities at the Marie Curie Hospice, West Midlands, where HomeServe's donation of £50,000 aided the construction of £50,000 aided the plants of the site. Marie Curie has been HomeServe's anational charity partner since 2016 national charity partner since 2010 and has donated more than £1.35

A DRINK driver has admitted causing the death of a motorcyclist in Bloxwich. Ryan Husted was killed in a collision between his green Kawasaki and a VW Golf, in Cresswell

now be done.

Smith, aged 52, of Muirfield Close, Bloxwich, will be sentenced on September 25. He was bailed until then, but was given an interim driving ban.

Mr Husted's family attended last week's hearing at which Smith entered his guilty plea.

Sister Jade Husted said:

"Myself and my parents hope that justice is served as Steven has taken away the

Steven has taken away the biggest part of our lives.

miss him so much.
"It's not just our lives that
have been affected, hundreds of Ryan's friends are
feeling our pain too."
Mr Husted, from Blox
wich, was pronounced dead
at the scene of the crash
despite the efforts of passers
by and ambulance crews to
save him.

save him.

He had worked at Chamberlin & Hill Castings Ltd, in Chuckery, Walsall, where colleagues described him as

green Kawasaki and a Vw Goff, in Cresswe Crescent, Mossley, on March 2. He was 25. Golf driver Steven Smith admitted causing death by careless driving while over the drink-drive limit when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Husted's family said they honed justice would

they hoped justice would now be done.

"Not a day passes that we don't think of Ryan and we miss him so much.

Rvan Husted

hard worker. The former

a hard worker. The former Sneyd Comprehensive pupil had been saving up for a mortgage in the hope of set-tling down with his girl-friend Jenny Robinson. Mr Husted's father Paul described him an outgoing character who would be sorely missed, while his mother Angela said he was 'golden' and she loved him greatly.

greatly.

Hundreds of people left floral tributes at the scene of the tragedy in memory of Mr Husted, of Parker Street.

Husted, of Parker Street.
A charity fun day in his memory took place in March at The Sneyd Pub, in Vernon Way, and raised more than £500 for the Air Ambulance. Friends also held a charity bike ride in his memory.

greatly.

Hall's history revealed

GREAT Barr historian Peter Allen will be giving an illustrated talk at Walsall Local History Centre.

Mr Allen, from the Barr and Aston Local History Society, will talk about historic Great Barr Hall on September 16 from 7.30pm. He will reveal the history and possibilities for its future. Tickets are £2 on 01922 721305.

accessories.

The public are invited to bring any unwanted toys of that sort as traders are

always keen to buy.

Admission is £1.50 for adults and 60p for chil-

RAF to fly into police open day

PREPARATIONS are wel under way for an open day at Walsall Police Station on September 15. Among the attractions will be an RAF

attractions will be an RAF helicopter and army bomb disposal team.

There will be represen-tatives from Walsall College, Victim Support, Acorn and Midlands Mencap are demonstra-tions by police dogs and public order officers.

Ramblers heading towards Cleobury

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Cleobury Mortimer for a 7.5 mile circular walk on

7.5 mile circular walk on Sunday The south of Cleobury route is a pleasant walk through woods, fields and rolling hills Non-members are always welcome and should contact the walk leaders for further infor-mation on 01922 637850.

Car wash plans

PLANS have been submit-ted to Walsall Council for a car wash at the rear of High Street, Pelsall, which would create two jobs

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WE WILL not go to war. Parliament stood up to the Government. The anger, suspicion and fears of the British people were brilliantly expressed by our elected members in some fine speeches and the Prime Minister wisely backed down. This is how the House of Commons is supposed to work, but rarely does. Thursday night's vote was like a cruise missile. No-one saw it coming.

AFTER the enormous and enduring cock-ups of Iraq and Afghanistan, we should have learned enough by now to leave Syria well alone. Syria is not some clapped-out house of cards like Saddam's Iraq or Gaddafi's Libya. Syria has an army which is still fiercely loyal to President Assad. It is three times as big as the British Army and is equipped with some extremely deadly Russian hardware. Syria has allies including Hizbollah and Iran who may soon have the technology to lob chemical warheads into Europe. Above all, the lesson of history in the Middle East is that when dictators fall, chaos follows and the last thing the locals ever feel is one iota of gratitude towards the West.

TONY Blair is in favour of military intervention. He has clearly learned nothing.

FOLLOWING my invitation to re-write classic lines in modern terms, a reader re-drafts the opening sentence of Pride and Prejudice: "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a large fortune must be in need of a civil partner of either, or both sexual inclinations and be perfectly entitled to marry if they so desire".

INCIDENTALLY, it is possible to buy versions of Pride and Prejudice in simplified modern English. Like, everybody knows that a dude wiy sheldloads of money needs a

body knows that a dude wiv shedloads of money needs a

OKAY, call me small-minded. Call me a Little Englander. You may even be excused for hissing "racisti" But I bet I wasn't the only Brit whose hackles rose as Beth West explained the alleged benefits of the HS2 high-speed train on Radio 4 this week. She challenged British industry to "step up" and ensure this £30 billion (£42 billion? £70 billion? £10 billion?) white elephant is constructed. West is commercial director of HS2 Ltd but started her career with the US Government on Cantol Hill before becoming a New York banker in constructed. West is commercial director of HS2 Ltd but started her career with the US Government on Capitol Hill before becoming a New York banker. In barely 100 years, from the extermination of the buffalo, to the dustbowls of the mid-West and the ruins of bankrupt Detroit, the Yanks have made a right mess of their own country. Somehow, I rather resent being told by anyone with an American accent that I must accept the despoiling of my green, well-tended and still rather pleasant little land by a screaming 250mph behemoth that none of my English friends actually wants.

WE HAVE just received our newsletter from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. Lean't help reflecting that when we joined, back in the 1980s, it had very few members but there were an awfull of of hedgehogs. Today the society has 12,000 members but there are very few hedgehogs. Curious.

INVITED you to re-write great texts from history in modern terms. One reader offers this, from Winston Churchill: "I have nothing to offer but circulatory fluid, a rosy glow, the gentle application of elbow grease and blubbering and whimpering."

NEARLY 25,000 students applied for courses at the University of Liberia and it was reported this week that every single one had failed the admission test. A spokesman for the African university said the youngsters "lacked enthusiasm and did not have a basic grasp of English." They could always try media studies in England.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in **your Express & Star**

TARRESTON ..

Council cut spy powers use by half

THE use of surveillance powers by council chiefs in Walsall more than halved within 12 months, figures have revealed.

Spying operations can be under-taken by authorities to catch out fraudaters, fly-tippers and dodgy

The use of Regulation of Investi-gatory Powers (RIPA) by the council came under fire from campaigners

can be open to abuse. Between April 2011 and March 2012 there were 67 occasions they were adopted in the last financial year, according to statistics.

It emerged last year that the council has been the biggest user of spy powers in the Black Country and Staffordshire since 2008.

Bosses have always insisted the powers are not used lightly. They say

last year who claimed the powers powers are not used lightly. They say include test purchasing for knives,

cigarettes, alcohol or fireworks, investigations over taxis plying for hire, counterfeit goods, fly tipping or

hire, counterfeit goods, fly tipping or litter enforcement.

Big Brother Watch has previously said powers can be open to abuse.

Jamie Morris, executive director for neighbourhood services at the council, said: "The inspection concluded that the council was operating an efficient system for using covert survillance".

Hospital sickness rate falls

SICKNESS absence has con SICKNESS absence has continued to fall at Walsall Manor Hospital, providing a boost to health chiefs battling to reduce agency cover. The absence figure for Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which has more than 3,000 staff, was 3.4 per cent in July.

It is a further reduction on the 3.4 per cent in June and significantly lower than the 5.12 per cent at the end of last year.

It comes as the trust is

It comes as the trust is looking to reduce costs on agency workers.
Chief executive Richard Kirby said: "Sickness absence continued to reduce in July to 3.4 per cent. There was a slight drop in appraisal completion rates, to 89 per cent, but mandatory training remained stable, 82 per cent."
Staff who phone in sick are called back and offered treatment in a bid to get them back into work as soon

them back into work as soon

them back into as possible.

It emerged sickness absence at Walsall Council has also fallen over the last

Tenants fun day tinged with sadness

With Sauness

MORE than 1,000 tenants
and staff celebrated the 10th
anniversary of a Walsall
housing association during a
fun day at Warwick Castle.

The event, which included
jousting, birds of prey displays, face painting and a
bouncy castle, marked the
anniversary of Watmos
Community Homes.

Former chief executive
Ursula Barrington recently
died, aged 50, after suffering
from heart problems and
interim chief executive Kul
Bains said: "It is with great
sadness we have reached
this milestone just as we
have lost our much-loved
and respected chief executive Ursula.

"But I know how proud
Ursula was of our achievements over the last 10 years,
and that she would want us
to recognise and celebrate
how far we have come as the
unique housing association
we are."

Charity chip in

A 24-HOUR golf event at Walsall Golf Club raised more than £5,000 for St Giles Walsall Hospice. The club has raised more than £12,000 for the hospice since

Parking worries bring nursery plans to halt

site in Walsall that has stood empty for 18 months into a day nursery, creating jobs, have been thrown out by the council.

The 19th century Uplands House had been earmarked as a base for up to 45 chil-

But planners voiced con-But planners voiced con-cerns over parking and con-gestion along the Lichfield Road and rejected the pro-posal, which would have created 10 jobs, again throw-ing the historic building's future in to uncertainty.

The premises were previ-ously used by the council for

ously used by the council for child and youth services.

The lease ended in March 2012 at which point the premises were vacated.

The proposals were put forward by Banana Moon Nursery Ltd and were intended to serve families living in and around The Butts area.

Vacant

The amplication, which

The application, which has been put forward by agent Joel Hancock, said: "The role and function of The Butts Centre is appro-priate to the proposed catch-ment of the proposed

nursery.

"The only vacant site within The Butts Centre is that of the former Mellish Road Methodist Church on the corner of Lichfield Street and Lichfield Road.

"However, this is a cleared site and it would not be financially viable for the nursery business to construct a new building when a vacant listed building lies very close by."

ery close by."
But council planning offi-

by Craig Hughes

cers said the proposed day nursery failed to provide adequate on-site parking, drop off and manoeuvring

space.

Head of planning David

The coid "The inten-Elsworthy said: "The intensified use of the site would be sified use of the site would be likely to lead to a significant increase in the number of vehicle trips to the site over and above the present use. "The width of the access does not allow for egressing and ingressing vehicles to pass simultaneously. "As a consequence, the use would give rise to indiscriminate on-street parking and vehicle queuing on the A461 strategic highway to the

strategic highway to the detriment of the free flow of traffic on an already con-

traffic on an arready con-gested junction.

"The proposal would give rise to conditions prejudicial to highway safaty" to highway safety.

to highway safety."
He added the application site was located within an air quality management area and next to a busy highway. This would be affected by vehicles coming and going.

and going.

He added the application failed to demonstrate that occupiers would not

occupiers would not be subject to unacceptable levels of air pollution. It comes after plans to transform the former Chuckery Working Men's Club, Lincoln Road, Walsall, into a nursery stalled.

Sewer works to close road

A ROAD in Streetly will be closed for almost a fortnight next month for sewer works. Bridle Lane will be closed between its junctions with Aldridge Road and Doe Bank Lane from September 9 to 20. Morgan Sindall is carrying out the work on behalf of Severn Trent Water.

Open Day

16th

September

Donald's hopes are at a Premium

The long wait . . . 58 years and still no Premium Bond win for Donald Woodhouse WHEN retired engineer Donald Woodhouse

opted in to a company scheme to buy premium bonds, he had dreams of a healthy eturn on his investment.

return on his investment.

The 25 pence taken out of his salary each month seemed a small price to pay for the chance of winning a fortune.

But 58 years on, Mr Woodhouse is part of a long list of investors who are still waiting. Now 84 years old and living with his wife Dorothy in Cherry Tree Avenue, Yew Tree, Walsall, the grandfather-of-four accepts

that he is unlikely to see any money back. "It was always a gamble," he said. "That's the

"I don't feel bitter about it. I'm still hoping the phone will ring one day and someone will tell me I've won something but I might not be here by then."

but I might not be here by then."
Around 21 million people in the UK own premium bonds, accounting for around £44 billion of the nation's savings. The odds of winning are around 26,000 to one and the number of large prizes has been cut.

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Heroin had been stuck into drain

POLICE found more than £12,000 worth of heroin and cannabis hidden at the Walsall home of a man on bail for possession of drugs. Dean Wilkes was at home

Dean Wilkes was at home in Priestley Road, Beechdale, when officers swooped on the address in July, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Heroin valued at £9,000 in plastic bags was stuck down a drain in the back garden and half a kilo of cannabis worth a further £3,000 was in bags and containers conin bags and containers con-cealed at various locations inside the property,Mr David Lees, prosecuting,

Wilkes had been on bail Wilkes had been on bail for almost a year after being found with drugs in a stolen Citroen after police stpped it in Corporation Street West, Walsall, Mr Lees said. The 28-year-old claimed to have exchanged his van for the Citroen the day he was stonged

for the Citroen the day he was stopped.
He alleged he had believed it was stolen but had not known that for certain.
Wilkes pleaded guilty to possession of heroin and cannabis with intent to supply and further admitted handling the stolen Citroen while possessing heroin
He was remanded in custody until October 25 when there will be a trial of issue over the basis of his pleat to some of the charges.

Road plans

REGULAR updates on multi-million pound plans to transform the road network in Walsall will be online

in Walsall will be online.
Four major junctions and
two bridges are being
upgraded in Darlaston and
Pleck as part of the £26
million scheme to fit in with
the planned enterprise zone.
The scheme is mainly
funded by the Department
for Transport with contribu-

for Transport with contribu-tions from Walsall Council and Centro.

Residents and businesses

Residents and businesses can sign up to receive email updates on changes to traffic management such as road closures, one-way systems, lane closures and temporary traffic lights.

To sign up email ds da @ w a l s a l l . g o v . u k Updates.

36 illegal camps

OFFICERS at Walsall Council have dealt with 36 Council have dealt with 36 unauthorised encampments in Walsall over the past seven months. The council has been working with West Midlands Police to put a stop to and manage sites.

Gang stole TV and sent it to buyer in taxi

three thieves who took it.

three thieves who took it. Matthew Keay, Darren Abley and Philip Ranford got drunk and stole the £750 television then flogged it and sent it in a taxt to the buyer, a court heard. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told the taxi driver assisted in locating the burglars who were given prison sentences of between eight and 10 months.

Two of the men – Abley and Ranford – had more than 70 previous convictions between them, many for burglary. During the evening of February 12 the men were drinking in a milin Blowwich.

in a pub in Bloxwich.

Meanwhile the occupier at a nearby house was at work,

on a night shift, and returned home just before midnight to find his home had been burgled. The homeowner had received a notification on his mobile phone showing the

received a notification on his mobile phone showing the alarm system at his home had been triggered.

Witnesses looking out of their windows had noticed three people going to the address, then later saw the same three people carrying the 50-inch television.

Prosecutor Mr Paul Spratt told the court: "There may have been some element of planning involved as the defendant works nights and had been burgled before."

The taxi driver had been called to another address where a female asked him to take the TV to someone's house.

Police traced the TV via the taxi driver, where the man who had it in his possession told officers he had received a

Parker Street, Bloxwich, pleaded guilty to burglary. Keay, 23, of Drake Road, Bloxwich, initially pleaded not guilty but

23, of Drake Koad, Bloxwich, initially pleaded not guilty but later changed it to guilty.
Miss Sally Cairns, defending Keay, said: "He didn't go out that evening with the intention of committing any offence."
Mr Oliver Woolhouse defended both Abley and Ranford. He said: "All three have said they were out drinking heavily."
Of Ranford he added: "It's a combination of a relapse of heroin with ill-judged behaviour."
Abley and Ranford were given eight month custodial sen.

Abley and Ranford were given eight month custodial sentence, with Keay handed 10 months as his guilty plea came

Protest sparks rethink over felling of beauty spot trees

SCALED-DOWN plans to fell trees at a Walsall beauty spot will be reconsidered by council bosses after a resolution was passed at a scrutiny panel meeting. More than 2,000 residents signed two separate petitions against the original plans for Brownhills Common, prompting Walsall Council to halve the number of trees earmarked for

Crackdown on metal crimes to be launched

AN INTELLIGENCE network will be AN INTELLILENCE network will be created across the West Midlands in a bid to crack down on the scrap metal trade which has blighted the region, it has emerged.

Bosses at Walsall Council are working with neighbouring boroughs to step up checks on operators

checks on operators.

checks on operators.

Under the initiative a licensing administration officer will be taken on by the council to carry out checks on scrap metal dealers as part of a nationwide crackdown coming into force in October

force in October.

The council's regulatory services manager John Beavon told last week's community services and environment scrutiny and performance panel that the changes will result in a lot of work for the licensing team. "We're looking to use an intelligence system, for the West Midlands area. We want to make use of an intelligence-led networks so we can keep track of operators," Mr Beavon said.

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The new licensing laws will see merchants being granted a licence which they can hold for three years if they can satisfy the authority that they are legitimate traders. They will need to apply for separate licences for each borough, if they want to work in more than one authority area.

The new legislation aims to put a stop to

than one authority area.

The new legislation aims to put a stop to the theft and illegal sale of scrap metal.

Currently, 72 dealers are registered with Walsall Council. They will be able to apply for a site or collector's licence between October 1 and 15

Council executive director Jamie Morris told the panel efforts to tackle problems with fly-tippers dumping building trade waste would be report on in the autumn.

the number of trees earmarked for the axe.

Under the revised proposals only 30 per cent of trees in two areas of the nature reserve will be removed to allow heathland to be restored. Previously, the plan was to chop down 60 per cent of the trees.
But at last week's community services scrutiny panel, members were told despite the review, many residents were still angry Streetly councillor Brian Douglas-Maul tsaid: "More than 2,000 people do not want these trees chopped down. I bet many of our officers only go there once a year. I've never been to Brownhills Common, but those who live in the area go there every day.

live in the area go there every day.

"They take their dogs for walks and it's somewhere which adds to their environment. They like it the way it is. I'm all for managing trees and if we keep these two plantations and take out the diseased trees, fair enough.

plantations and take out the diseased trees, fair enough.

"But to my mind that area should be retained because the people of Brownhills want it retained, that's what we should be considering.

Resolution

He put forward a resolution calling on the council's decision-making cabinet to recon-

council's decision-making cabinet to reconsider its position on the issue, which was carried following a vote.

It stated: "We call on the cabinet to consider modifying the Brownhills Common plan by keeping the plantations 11 and 15 all in accordance of the majority of the Brownhills community." The matter will be discussed by the cabinet on September 15.

The revised plans were put forward after public consultation events. About 1,500 glossy brochures were also distributed in the town to update residents about the

the town to update residents about the

scheme.
But Brownhills local committee vice chairman Barrie Poxon said there had been communication issues.

communication issues.
"People in Brownhills do not know about
the change," he said. "They still think it's 60
per cent of the trees to be removed."
The council's executive director Jamie
Morris told the panel: "We have made subtle
changes and it may be that people are more
happy with that."

Here is the birthday news



Senior talking newspaper reader Sharron Wainwright celebrates with Keith Corbett

Senior talking newspaper reader Sharron
A TALKING news service for the blind has
celebrated its 30th anniversary.
More than 200 people receive weekly
memory sticks filled with five-and-a-half
hours of news, magazine features and advice

hours of news, magazine features and advice thanks to the Walsall Society for the Blind. Its talking news service – created by just seven volunteers – celebrated 30 years in the business with an open day for listeners at its Hatherton Road base.

Around 100 turned up with their relatives, friends and carers for a chance to meet the newsreaders and record a happy birth-day message, which will be put on an upcoming recording.

ing recording. Service manager Keith Corbett said: "The Service manager Keith Corbett said: "The event was simply to celebrate our 30th anniversary and say thank you to our listeners. It's a superb service which helps the visually impaired and the blind in the community who can't read newspapers. "We give them various articles – made up mainly of local news from the Express & Star."

"We also do reports telling people where there's scaffolding for when they walk

Wainwright celebrates with Keith Corbett around town and we give them reports of the time to close the curtains at night.

"If you're blind you don't know when it's dark. It seems silly, but it does help.

"Magazine articles go on there too, from publications such as Country Life, Reader's Digest and People's Friend. We put out birthday messages too for readers and play a song for them. We also do a chatterbox section where readers can write into us or section where readers can write into us or call us. We do a what's on in Walsall section

Dispatched

"We used to record everything onto tape, with just 45 minute recordings on each side, but now we're moved on to memory sticks and can record five-and-a-half hours worth of material every week.

"The recordings take a few hours to do Then're door over Then're door over Thendry dispatched on

They're done every Tuesday, dispatched on a Thursday and delivered on a Friday.

"All the readers have to do is turn the

sticker round on the stick and send it back."
To find out more about the service visit
www.walsallblind.org

in brief

Events to boost Rosie's charity

ROSIE'S Helping Hands ROSIE'S Helping Hands, a charity set up in memory of Aldridge teenager Rosie Ross who was fatally stabbed as she sunbathed in Birmingham, is organising fundraising events. A coffee morning will take place at Aldridge Methodist Church, in Anchor Road, on October 19 from 10am until midday.

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A Christmas craft fair will be staged on November 17 at Aldridge Compass Suites, The Green. The event, which includes a Santa's grotto, will run from 11am until 4pm.

will run from 11am und 4pm.
Admission is £1 for each event, which will raise cash for the charity which helps improve the quality of life for youngsters.

Annual concert for raising funds

THE Rotary Club of Walsall is staging its third annual charity concert next week. Walsall's Last Night of the Proms, in the Town

Walsall's Last Night of the Proms, in the Town Hall on September 14, will feature international opera singer Lisa Byrnes and her husband, Christo-pher Taylor, a pianist/composer who has won awards for his work. The programme will also include contributions from the Shelfield Male Voice Choir. Action for Children (the

Voice Choir.

Action for Children (the Walsall Resource Centre) and Macmillan Cancer Care will be the major beneficiaries of the concert, which starts at 7pm.

Tickets cost £10 from the box office on 0845-111-2900 or from Walsall Central Library.

Chance to make your own basket

A BASKET making work-shop will be staged at Aldridge Airport on Sep-tember 13.

tember 13.

People can learn how to make flat-bottomed English-style baskets in a variety of colours. The session takes place between 10am and 2pm.

The cost is £20. Call 01922 654220 or email bowersm@walsall.gov.uk to book a place.

Blooming help

GARDENERS are invited to join volunteers to main-tain Aldridge's floral dis-plays. Aldridge Volunteer Gardeners meet up to five times a year to plant dis-plays as part of Aldridge in Bloom. For more details contact 01922 451638.



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NEWS FEATURE



AS I write this, there is a song swirling round at the back of my mind. Don't know who sang it, but it just won't leave my head.
Something about 'the marriage vow being very sacred'. Yes it's coming back now, something along the lines of "Come on, come on, let's stick together. You know we made a vow, not to leave one another, never."
Whose song was that? Dunno, it's on the tip of my tongue. Meanwhile, in other news singer Brian Ferry, aged 67, has just split from his second wife, Amanda Sheppard, 30, having got married last year.

got married last year.

Now, who sang that song again?

again?

WOULDN'T you have loved to be on duty at the police station in Stockholm when a man called in to report that he was intimidated by 'a group of drunk elks' who were in his home.

Now I'm sure the police in Amsterdam get calls like that all the time. Indeed there are probably certain parts of Wolverhampton where the natives are convinced they are in imminent danger from a herd of marauding wildebeest a herd of marauding wildebeest after a few too many herbal ciga-

But in Sweden? What's more in seems, this really did happen. The man was apparently unable to enter his residence because he was being stared down by a rowdy bunch of elk that had got inebriated on fermented apples that had fallen from a nearby tree. Police spokesman Albin Naver-berg said the man had no option

berg said the man had no option but to call the authorities as the animals posed a big threat. "They can be really dangerous, they become fearless," Mr Naver-berg told a local newspaper. A line of defence which will no doubt come in handy if any New-castle United fans find them-selves in conflict with a police horse when they visit these parts horse when they visit these parts

horse when they visit these parts in a couple of weeks.

DON'T you just love it when politicians try to show how they are down with the kids and in tune with the modern age?
First we have Nick Clegg, saying that two weeks' paternity leave for new fathers is 'an Edwardian relic', and has also been a considerable inconvenience to himself.

nimself. Of course it is. You will no doubt Of course it is. You will no doubt have heard about all those Edwardian miners coughing their lungs out beneath the ground, or the men working in the searing heat of the foundries and chainshops constantly saying "What we would really like is an extra four weeks' paid paternity leave." Then we have Conservative MP Claire Perry saying that teachers need to get into the digital age and start teaching youngsters about porn on the internet. I think she is concerned about

about porn on the internet.

I think she is concerned about the harmful effects porn has on teenagers, rather than a shortage of IT skills in accessing it, but it still seems remarkably naive.







Family-run garage that's motored on for 50 years

Stan Reynolds started his garage business half a century ago and now, very much a family affair, the company is tuning up for future

KEEPING cars on the road is a family affair at a garage in the Walsall, which is still thriving after five decades in business.

Stan Reynolds Garage has been at the heart of Walsall since its launch in 1963 and has customers who travel from as far

afield as Somerset.

It was founded by Mr Reynolds, now aged 80, and has remained in the family, with two of his daughters and son now

with two of his daughters and son now running the firm from Mill Street. The garage has gone from fixing the likes of Minor 1000s and Austin 1100s in its early days to repairing modern makes such as Porsche 911s and Ford Fiestas. Brought up in Leamore, Mr Reynolds started the business from his sister's house off Mellish Road, aged 30.

Aircraft

He had previously worked for Thompsons Garage, where he was a workshop manager, but he wanted his own enter-

manager, but he wanted his own enterprise.

During his national service, Mr
Reynolds had also been with the RAF as
an aircraft mechanic in Norfolk.

The garage moved to Butts Road but
was soon forced to make way for the
building of Butts Primary School.

From there it relocated to nearby Mill
Street on the outskirts of the town

Street, on the outskirts of the town centre by the main Walsall College campus

campus.

Daughter Lynne Bracey, aged 56, and son Martin, 54, have been working at the garage for around 40 years each, starting as teenagers after leaving the former TP Riley School in Bloxwich.

Martin began as a mechanic and has gone on to become managing director. Grandmother-of-four Lynne is a secretary while her sister Tracey Daybell also



In the garage - daughter Lynne Bracey, Zak Higginson, son Martin, Stan, Shaun Faulkner, daughter Tracey Daybell and Stewart Waddell

works for the company occasionally. The business has six staff.
This includes senior technician Shaun

This includes senior technician Snaun Faulkner who started as a YTS appren-tice aged 16 and is now 43. The garage has been able to build up a loyal customer base over the decades and founder Stan still pops in from time to

time.

Lynne said the business remains busy in its 50th anniversary year after being started by her father.

"His sister had a big house on Mellish Road and there were some garages which came with the house," she said.

"Then he went into the Butts which was a nursee built garage but was

was a purpose-built garage but was

 $\label{eq:compulsory} \mbox{ demolished following a Compulsory Purchase Order.}$

chase Order.
"The council found us this land and we built the place. We get quite a few cars from the lecturers at Walsall College as it is easy for them to leave them and then wall to yoursel."

Customers

us. It has been very successful and hopefully we will go on for another 50 years."
Martin, from Park Hall, has been involved in the business since childhood after being introduced to it by his father. "I grew up with cars and the business, it has been my life," he said. "In the school holidays I would go along to the garage and from the age of around 13 I was properly repairing cars." erly repairing cars."
He added that his father was still very

She added: "A big thing in our work is trust and as a family business we know the customers. We are one of the oldest independent garages still around.

"We have got a customer who went to live in Worcester and still comes back with his car, and there is another in Somerset who brings his car here. We have generations of customers who come to He added that his father was still very active for his age. "He still comes down and puts a pair of overalls on and empties an oil drum," he said. "It is something that never leaves your system really and it gives him something to look forward to, within the threateners."

THROUGH

1983...

TWO top gardeners left the opposition in tears at the West Midlands heaviest onion competition – but the winning vegetables did not touch the magic five-pound mark. Winner John Sifford of Halesowen said poor mark the winning poles. weather meant his winning onion was five ounces short.

AUSTRALIAN newlyweds Joe and Josie Willis flew 12,000 miles and Josie Willis flew 12,000 miles to celebrate their honeymoon—in Coseley. And the couple were given a typical Black Country welcome by Joe's aunt who made them a cuppa.

MEMBERS of the Sealed Knot charity society caused a stir in Staffordshire when they re-enacted the Battle of Hopton Heath. Roundheads and Royalists clashed on playing fields at Etching Hill High School during a friendly representation of the 1643 English Civil War battle.

1993...

A BABY born in Netherton was A DABY DOM IN Netinerrol Was given a pampered start to life by no fewer than nine sets of grandparents and great-grandparents. Samantha Humphries was showered with affection as family members from across the generations gathered to celebrate.

STAFF at Wolverhampton Grammar School started a new scheme issuing "boredom warn-ings" to students before dull lessons. The idea was hatched by headteacher Bernard Trafford in an effort to keep pupils tuned in during tedious subjects.

LADY Godiva rode through the streets of Droitwich to protest at the planned closure of a hospital used by rheumatism sufferers. Kingswinford beauty queen Justine Mather wore a white swimsuit and long wig for her role as she headed a march organised by campaigners fighting to save Highfield Hospital.

2003...

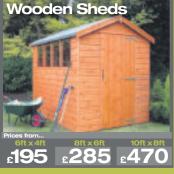
PLANS for an £80 million shop-PLANS for an £80 million snop-ping, leisure, office and housing development in Wolverhampton were axed after a planning inquiry. Council chiefs said the proposals for the Springfield Brewery site would hit existing shopping centres in the area.

A QUICK-THINKING aunt used first aid skills she picked up on a course 20 years ago to save a tot who was choking on a penny. Lor-raine Garratt from Tipton unblocked 19-month-old Sheridan Wilkes' airways after the oddler swallowed the coin which pecame lodged in her throat.

A NEW skateboarding park offi-A NEW skateboarding park offi-ially opened in the centre of Volverhampton. The facility was reated within the Penn Road sland after youngsters were triven away from the civic centre iazza following complaints from nembers of the public.

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Use it or lose it bus warni

MANY thanks for last week's prominent coverage, which helped raise friendly bus driver Kevin Nelson, all awareness of the new Sunday 35A bus from WMSNT; the bus operator.

One word of caution, though — one swallow doesn't make a summer, and so swallow to five though — one swallow doesn't make a summer, and so swallow to five the way to didn't gared by the Mayor, Clir Nazir, please, if you would like one, call me on 01922 soress, Clir and Mrs Nazir; Claire, Lazy a point of using their Sunday buses in and I will forward it to you.

CLIR RICHARD WORRALL Rushall-Shelfield Ward

Let's hear about the Labour alternative

LAST year I was the only councillor (out of 60) who actually voted against the multi-million pound Walsall Council budget cuts for 2012/13 and was very disappointed that the Labour Group, the largest political group on the council, abstained, thus allowing the cuts to be passed. I wish to make it clear that as matters stand at the moment, when the budget is considered by the council in February 2014, I intend to vote against the cuts.

Councillor Mike Bird (Conservative Council leader) was right when he said in an interview that if this Government is out to destroy local councils, they are going the right way about it. It is sad that the Conservative and Liberal councilors can breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that their £20m (approx) cuts package next year will most probably be allowed through again by Labour abstentions or contrived absences at the crucial council meeting next February. It does, not bode well for local services and jobs when it LAST year I was the only councillor (out of 60) who actually

allowed through again by Labour abstentions or contrived absences at the crucial council meeting next February.

It does not bode well for local services and jobs when it looks as if union leaders seem to have given up and accepted the inevitable and are prepared to sit down to see where the cuts can be least painful. It seems that gone are the days when union leaders and union members had the courage to fight and campaign publicly for local jobs and local services. No wonder, given that there seems to be no fire in the belly any more of the Labour Party to which the unions have given misguided loyalty for far too long. If we see a further £100m of cuts over the next four years, there will be nothing left of local government services as we know them.

I urge the Labour Group to commit all of its 28 Councillors to turn up to the budget making meeting in February 2014 and to vote against any budget proposal that involves further cuts to jobs or services. I urge local trade union members to engage with the public who need and use local services. In the meantime, I make this challenge to the New Labour councillor contingent of 28 on Walsall Council: If Labour believes that they can honestly produce a better budget, let them lay their proposals out now in an open, transparent and public manner.

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Praise due to parks staff for blooming lovely Arboretum

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

I WOULD like to send a note of praise to the department at Walsall Council in charge of the parks. I was in the newly refurbished Arboretum recently, in the

area adjacent to lake and the clock tower entrance near the

town centre.

Several beds of wild flowers that I believe are a new feature in the park this year caught my eye.

I am aware that there are common areas in various parts of the UK that have acres of ground covered in this way. As well as providing a habitat to all sorts of beneficial insect life they look delightful and are an interesting natural attraction in the park for the time of the year.

I would urge everyone to visit and take a look whilst the wild flowers are in bloom. I hope the experiment proves to be a success and that this can be extended to cover more of the Walsall parks and green open spaces.

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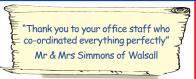
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CLUB NEWS

Butcher Loyal toast to guild to meat the ladies and guest speaker

PRESIDENT Margaret

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed everyone to the July meeting and hoped they were all enjoing the warm weather.

Member Judy Nugent was congratulated on her emerald award from the Blood Transfusion Service for so far donating 80 pints of blood. Dulcie Clewley and Margaret Matthews were both wished a speedy recovery after their recent falls.

ery after their recent falls.

Thanks went to Federation chairman Denise tion chairman Demse Moreton, who represented the WI at the Cardiff AGM,

the WI at the Cardiff AGM, for the comprehensive report on it which was summarised by the president.

The Eating Club met at Bantock House; The Darts Club are still practising and the Craft Club provided an exhibition of some of their work for mombers to anion. work for members to enjoy

work for members to enjoy in social time.

Speaker was Helen Scales who talked about the Linus Project, a volunteer organisation aiming to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new homemade patchwork quilts and knitted/crocheted blankets.

In August, the weather

knitted/crocheted blankets. In August, the weather behaved itself for the annual summer saunter which was enjoyed by all who took part, as was the meal at 'The Terrace which followed. Speaker in September will be famed local butcher Alan Bennet and there will be a sales table of preserves and produce.



Lady toastmaster Marion Canning was the afternoon's guest speaker

FEDERATION OF TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

THE federation held its annual lunch at the Mill Hotel, Alveley, in June. After grace by Win Willetts, an excellent meal followed and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The loyal toast to Her Majesty the Queen was given by Jean Williams. Margaret Tew gave a toast to the guilds, then Jen Kerrison responded on behalf of the guilds.

The speaker for the afternoon was Marion Canning, one of the few lady toastmasters, now retired, who gave a very interesting and amusing talk about her career as a toastmaster and the many amusing things that had happened to her during that time.

Three guild members won raffle prizes.

There are a few dates for members' diaries, the first of which will be the harvest supper at Wollaston village hall on October 9.

Arts and crafts secretary Jill Attwood has organised a card-making dabble day at Norton Community Association on October 12. An invitation has been received from Birmingham Federation regarding an event on November 6 entitled 'Wish you were here''. Several members will be attending.

The final event of 2013 will be the carol service on December 14 at St Thomas's Church, Market Street, Stourbridge.

Old buildings in the picture

AT THE August meeting, the society welcomed Tim Bridges for his talk on 'Vic-

Bridges for his talk on 'Vic-torian & Edwardian Build-ings of Birmingham and the Black Country.

Tim is the local conserva-tion officer for the Victorian Society and showed wonder-ful pictures of architectural features of many Victorian buildings in Birmingham.

KINGSWINFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

These included St Martins Church in the Bull Ring, the council house and Town Hall, together with views of pubs, libraries, schools, swimming baths and other public buildings. Reference was also made

to renovation work at the Grand Hotel in Colmore Row which will maintain the street's Victorian look.

Jewellery Quarter views included Gun Proof House, indicating the city's industrial post



Plans to convert former school into a lorry park

Rolling out art work



her work is Beth Revitt, aged 92
Mrs Jenkins holds her Art for
Pleasure classes at the centre every
Friday from 1pm to 3pm. New
members are welcome.
Other classes at the centre
include sugar craft workshops every
Monday when line dancing classes
re also held. Meanwhile, jewellery
making and also sequence dancing
classes are on a Tuesday.
The centre is holding a healthy
living event on September 25
between 11am and 2pm when free
health checks will be given to visitors and information handed out.

Centre in Bloxwich. Pictured witr EYECATCHING paintings by a local artist have gone on display at a community centre in Walsall.
Brenda Jenkins runs classes at the Stan Ball Centre in Abbotts Street every week. Some of her paintings, including a portrait of the Rolling Stones and a large poppy picture, have now gone on the walls. Centre manager Amanda Foster said: "A selection of Brenda's paintings are for sale. People can just turn up to her art classes and have their

up to her art classes and have their first session for free to try it out and see if they like it.

for lorries to help a haulage firm expand, under plans earmarked to create up to 10 jobs.

Tipton-based ASD Transport Limited wants to use the former Moxley Infants School, Moxley Road, to park 11 lorries, including eight articulated vehicles, according to plans lodged with Walsall Council.

Drivers would arrive in the morning to collect the which can be also as a constant of the control of the

Drivers would arrive in the morning to collect the vehicles and then depart on deliv-eries. The site would also be used for washing the lorries and daily safety checks. The plans state the site has an 'unkempt appearance' and could be considered an

'éyesore'.

In a report lodged with the application, planning agent David Barnes said the business present site at Bagnall Street, Tipton, does not provide the scope to safely and securely park the number of lorries the business needs in order to expand and create potentially eight to 10 jobs.

Picked

"Accordingly, there are clear economic benefits associated with this proposal which are an important matter in favour of the proposed development," he said.

A temporary security office would also be placed on the site, which would be replaced by a permanent structure in around two years. There would be 24-hour security.

Lorries would be picked up from the site by drivers at 7am and they would be brought back no later than 6.30pm.

According to the plans, the site would not be used by lorry drivers sleeping in their vehicles overnight or for storing fuel.

A total of 14 off-street car parking spaces are also planned and two cycle stands.

There was an outcry last year when it was revealed West Midlands Probation Trust was looking to create a hostel on the former

was looking to create a hostel on the former school site for up to 40 offenders.

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Air cadets get ready to touch down at old base

former home following an absence of 10 years after receiving the go-ahead from council chiefs.

The 240 Squadron of the Air Training Corps was based at Darlaston Post Office for a number of decades.

Darlaston Post Office for a number of decades.
The group, which provides military and community activities for 13 to 18-year-olds and currently has 38 cadets, had to relocate due to lease and fire regulation issues.
They have spent the past five years at Pinfold Street Primary School but are now due to return to their old base as the site is not suitable for the long-term future.
The post office is now considered to be suitable, with the

Cpl Garett Johnson, aged 15, of 5t Thomas More School, is a member of the squadron. He said: "Going to the post office we will have lots of room. Everyone is pleased, it has taken a long time.

Parade

"I started off really shy but because of cadets I have got more confidence, and I now teach other cadets." Darlaston councillor Chris Bott added: "We fully support it moving back there, it will get the kids off the streets and hopefully lead to a career."

A change of use planning application has been lodged for the first floor of the post office to have a parade hall, lecture rooms, offices, storage space and toilets. The ground floor will remain as a post office.

During parade times, there would be five staff on site and an average of between 25 and 30 cadets.

The report said most neighbouring squadrons were also up to full capacity.

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Cadets take part in sports activities, community projects,
work on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme and
can earn NVQ qualifications.

Ryan is having a ball



Paralympic marksman Ryan Cockbill and mother Karen

Paralympic marksman Ryan Cockbill and mother Karen A 1920s-themed ball will arise funds for a Paralympian who has his sights set on Rio in 2016.

Ryan Cockbill, of Great His mother Karen, of Ravenhurst Drive, has Barr, hopes to compete in organised a Great Gatsbythemed ball at Villa Park on September 21. Tickets cost Paralympics. The 23-year-old broke his neck in a pad-612782.





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Gym jump for joy



Grant – Martha Chapman, seven, celebrates a financial boost for facilities at Walsall Gymnastics Centre

boost for facilities at Walsall Gymnastics Centre GYMNASTS are beaming with pride after their club attracted a £50,000 grant to upgrade facilities in Walsall. Walsall Gymnastics Centre held an open day and summer fair for families and members of the public to see the good work being done now bosses will receive £49,900 of National Lottery funding to upgrade the facilities.

The gym in Marlow Street has helped hundreds of youngsters get into sport since opening in 2009. The club was established more than 30 years ago. Improvements will include new changing block, refurbished toilets, a competition-standard sprung floon, 12-metre track and landing pit.

tion-standard sprung floor, 12-metre track and landing pit. Club managing director Jayne Nolan said: "Getting this grant is absolutely fantastic because our equipment is looking a little tired."

Jobs boost as a £100m waste plant is approved

AROUND 300 jobs will be created in Walsall after a £100 million waste and energy plant

was given the green light by planning chiefs.

The scheme was approved by Walsall Council, despite concerns over the level of emissions and extra traffic.

Up to 300,000 tons of rubbish is expected to be treated every year at the plant on industrial land off Fryers Road, Bloxwich. Some of it would be used to generate energy.

Bloxwich. Some of it would be used to generate energy.

Members of the planning committee last week agreed there should be several conditions in place. This means there will be quarterly readings on the chimney, which will then be reported back to the council. There will also be a traffic plan of which routes should be used when making deliveries.

The scheme was pure forward by BH EnergyGa and sexpected to create job over three years in construction than 50 permanen making deliveries

HGVs

It is expected there will be more than 80 HGVs a day arriving and departing from the site.

the site.

The plant will deal with commercial and industrial waste. A report to councillors said the scheme would 'bolster' the local economy and address a shortage of waste processing facilities.

Councillor Mohammed Arif, cabinet member for environment, said: "It is not every day someone comes in

environment, said: "It is not every day someone comes in to invest £100m and it is bringing in new jobs. We have always said Walsall is open to business."

But Bloxwich councillor Fred Westley said: "I still have major, major concerns about the traffic. I don't

think the roads surrounding the area are capable of sus-taining the amount of

traffic."
The scheme was put forward by BH EnergyGap and is expected to create jobs over three years in construction then 50 permanent positions.
There were 11 letters of objection from residents and businesses, while concerns were also raised by councilors Tim Oliver and Shaun Fitzpatrick.
A main process building

Fitzpatrick.

A main process building will include a tipping hall, waste processing hall, furnaces, boiler area flue, gas treatment and turbine hall.

Waste is due to be collected by companies and delivered to the site. Residual material will be shredded and prepared as a fuel to produce electricity for the National Grid.

The facility is due to operate on a 24-hour basis, with deliveries between 7.30am and 7pm on weekdays and 7.30am to 1pm on

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FOCUS ON WILLENHALL

Parcel firm hopes for a delivery of £30,000

WILLENHALL-BASED parcel carrier Aspray24 is aiming to mark its 30th

anning to mark its 30th anniversary by raising £30,000 for charity this year. It has named Macmillan Cancer Support, military charity Help for Heroes and the Association of Air Ambu-

the Association of Air Ambulances as the beneficiaries.
Jo Woodhouse, chairman of the Aspray24 charity taskfore, said: "Each of these charities provide a fantastic service and we are delighted to have the support of our customers, suppliers, staff, families, friends and indeed the public.

riends and indeed the public.

"We have recently reached the halfway milestone - £15,000 - which has been achieved in a number of ways by a quiz night, charity music night and other events. However we still have a way to go."

Direct donations can also be made to: Lloyds TSB Bank, Aspray24 Charity Fund, Account number: 00572328: sort code: 30-90-82 or by cheque payable to Aspray24 Charity Fund.

Jo said the team, based at the firm's headquarters in

the firm's headquarters in Noose Lane, was keen to find sponsors for forthcom-

find sponsors for forthcoming charity events.
"Everyone knows of someone who's life has been touched by one of these charities and I would sincerely ask that you support our efforts," she said.
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Grant will help sports college offer facilities to the public

A SPORTS college in Willenhall is celebrating after securing a £100,000 grant to upgrade its

willenhall E-ACT Academy, in Furzebank Way, has been awarded the money by Sport England as part of the Olympic legacy to open up the site to the public.

With other funds, a total of £238,000 has been allocated to the building of new the end of next year or begin-ciand to the control of the

changing rooms.

Community manager Anthony Derrer, said: "We put in the bid in May and found out that we had been successful last month.

Better

"I am so pleased we have got the funding. We have wanted to offer the community better access to the pool for a long time but haven't been able to because we only have one set of changing rooms. When they are in use by the students, we cannot open them to the public but having two separate blocks having two separate blocks we can overcome this.

"We are currently having meetings to get the project off the ground and hope to get the work under way by

the end of next year or beginning of next year."
The project will allow the pool to be opened to the public during the day and increase the number of hours the site is open at evenings and weekends.

As well as the £100,000 grant, the academy has received £75,000 funding from Walsall Council and £50,000 from the Corey Environmental Trust, supporting community projects.

Mr Derrer added: "We are working closely with the council to make sure that we can open the pool to even more members of the community than was previously possible.

"We wouldn't have been able to do this without the money we have received."

Car dumped in park – again

THIEVES drove a stolen vehicle into Willenhall Memorial Park for the second time in as many days, damaging a bench before dumping the vehicle in a pool. Police were called to the park in Pinson Road last week following reports a car had been driven into the park from Aston Road. A Vauxhall Astra, stolen from Short Heath, was discovered in the pool.

Employees peak for charity challenge



Some of the staff from Poundland who took part int the Three Peaks Challenge and raised £20,000 for chariry

Some of the staff from Poundland COURAGEOUS staff at a Willenhall-based retail firm traded their desks for hiking boots when they climbed three mountains in 24 hours to raise almost £20,000 to help cancer patients.

The group of 16 employees from Poundland's head office trekked to the top of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and for Macmillan Cancer Support.

They successfully reached the top of the highest three mountains in Scotland, England and Wales in the challenge dubbed We Peak for Macmillan

as part of the discount goods retailer's efforts to raise $\pounds 1$ million for the

charity.

The group first tackled Ben Nevis on August 10 at 4pm, then travelled to Scafell Pike to set off the following morning at 3am and finally started the last climb at Snowdon at 11.30am, finishing at about 3.45pm on the same day.

Poundland's head of central operations Chris McCandless said: "When I

tions Chris McCandless said: "When I first came up with the idea of climbing

all three peaks in one weekend, I was all three peaks in one weekend, I was absolutely exhausting, definitely one of the most physically demanding but extremely rewarding challenges a lot of us have ever done.

"Although my legs were aching, the adrenaline was pumping and it got me through. It's a great opportunity to support and fundraise for Macmillan." Poundland has raised funds for the

Poundland has raised funds for the charity for five years running.

Bonding time for new pupils

YOUNGSTERS due to start at a Willenhall school spent a fortnight getting to know their classmates and teach-

their classmates and teachers at a summer school.
The event was organised by St Thomas More Catholic High School, which invited 80 new pupils to a bonding event involving artists, musicians, sportsmen, cooks and climbers. It ended at an adventure holiday park.
Headteacher Peter Mayland said: "Happy children work harder and achieve more and it's really important that the youngest members of our community feel valued, important and respected from their very first day."

Football chance presents itself

A FIVE-A-SIDE tourna ment will be held in Willen

ment will be held in Willenhall to help raise money for Prostrate Cancer UK and the chance to play ex-professionals. The Men United Cup is being held nationally. Goals Soccer Centre, Darlaston Lane, is hosting a regional heats on September 15 from 6pm. The winners will go to the national finals in October. The winning team will take on a team of Talksport presenters. Talksport presenters

Jobs franchise

AROUND 140 jobs will be created by the opening 20 of Subway food franchises in Spar stores owned by Wil-lenhall-based AF Blakemore lenhall-based Af Blakemore & Son. Blakemore retail fresh food development manager Matt Teague said: "Hopefully, this will be just the start of our plans."

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Masked raiders disable alarm before TV thefts



CCTV appeal over the masked gang

picture of masked men who broke into a Willenhall business.

They disabled a burglar alarm by cutting the phone line before getting away with thousands of pounds worth of goods in vehicles which they stole from the site.

The four burglars broke into the refurbishment company and stole thousands of pounds worth of computers, TVs and mobile phones.

phones. The group then got away from the Dimmingsdale firm in a car, a van and a pick-up truck which belonged to the company. All three vehicles were fitted with tracking devices and were found nearby later that day. Detectives working on the case have released CCTV images of the four masked men from inside the business and are appealing for help from people to identify them.

The footage shows the raiders searching the offices of the build-ing. Although they all have their

faces covered, one man is wearing a distinctive blue hooded top with a white Nike logo and tick, while another is seen wearing a maroon hooded top with white trim and tassels. Pc Daniel Spreckley, from Walsall Police, said he hoped someone recognises what the men are wearing in the clip.

"The two office rooms were searched by all four offenders with the lights on, so the images are quite clear." he said.

"Although they are completely

"Although they are completely masked, some of them are wearing distinctive clothing which I hope someone will recognise and come forward."

Officers have also sent off the three recovered vehicles for forensic examination as part of their investigation.

their investigation.
The raid happened in the early

hours of August 1. Those with information should call DC Spreckley on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Walkers set themselves a Tangent target



Aldridge Tangent Club ladies with St Giles Walsall Hospice fundraiser Jenny Chin have set themselves a target

A GROUP of over 45s from Aldridge will be showing their support for St Giles Walsall Hospice at this year's Starlight Walk. Eight members of the Aldridge Tangent Club, a social networking organisation for former Ladies' Circle members, will compete in the women-only night-time walk

members, will compete in the women-only night-time walk in Aldridge on September 14.

The group also took part in the event last year and are hoping to beat their previous fundraising total of £810.
Club member Helen Rushton said: "For five years we took part in a fundraising walk for a national charity, but after we found out about the Starlight Walk last year we decided to switch our allegiance to St Giles Walsall Hospice, as we know the money raised goes directly to benefiting local

pice fundraiser Jenny Chin have set themselves a target people." Aldridge Tangent first linked up with St Giles Walsall Hospice when they booked the charity's fundraiser Sharon White as a guest speaker for one of their meetings. Ms White then invited some of the club members on a tour of the hospice facility in Goscote Lane, which gave them an insight into the vital role St Giles plays in their community. The 7.5-mile Starlight Walk is open to women aged 16 or over and it costs £15 to enter.

Hundreds of women are expected to turn up in fancy dress for the fundraiser, which starts at 7.30pm from Aldridge Community Centre.

To sign up, visit www.stgileshospice.com/starlightwalk or call Jennifer Chin on 01922 602520.

Hospital agency staff

rely on agency staff to run two permanent wards at Walsall Manor Hospital amid problems recruiting experienced staff, it has emerged.

It had been agreed to keep open two temporary wards in a bid to cope with rising numbers of patients.

The 54 beds in Wards 12 and 14 have been operated through using agency, locum and bank staff while permanent recruitment is carried out. Around 55 staff are needed to run the permanent bays but Walsall Healthcare NHS

able recruits.

It emerged in March the board was

planning to keep the wards open and it was expected the recruitment process

was expected the recruitment process would be completed last month. However, it is now expected to run into October. The beds were initially opened up for the busy winter period but demand has meant they needed to

remain.

A report from Paul Gibara, divisional director for medicine and long-term conditions, to board members, said: "Although the recruitment plan clearly identified an expected comple-

tion by the end of August recruitment of suitable qualified and experienced nurses has been a challenge given that nurses has been a chaining given that many trusts are currently advertising and establishing a number of additional wards themselves.

"It is expected that with ongoing focus a full establishment could be achieved by the end of October."

It comes after it was announced up to 80 extra staff are being recruited to to 80 extra staff are being recruited to tackle the multi-million pound use of temporary workers. If the current rate of expenditure continues the total spend on staff would be £9.7 million by the end of the year.

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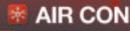
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Hospice helpers



Fundraiser Jenny Chin, from St Giles Hospice, with Sophie Day and Laura Hucker, from Lion Containers BUSINESSES rallied round to support a charity quiz and raffle which raised \$1,000 for a Walsall hospice. It was organised by Lion Containers Ltd, which has its headquarters in Bridge Street, Walsall.

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The father of marketing co-ordinator Sophie Day and manager Laura Hucker was treated at the Goscote hospice. John Willett, a former police officer, had lung cancer and died almost a year ago. He was a supporter of St Giles Hospice in Walsall and had been helped by staff.

Almost 80 people took part in the event at the Village Hotel, near junction 10, which provided a room for free. A series of companies and attractions iprovided raffle prizes. Teams included Lion Containers staff and police.

The hospice offers specialist care for patients with cancer and other serious illnesses and relies on donations.

Borough is to get 340 new homes in a £42m project

A HOUSING group has teamed up with a construction group to drive forward a £42 million

scheme to build 340 homes across Walsall.

The scheme will involve Kier Partnership Homes building 186 homes to be put up for sale and another 154 homes for rent across Walsall.

They will range from two-bedroom flats to four-bedroom houses and are earmarked for sites in Harrowby Road in Moxley; Pennine Way in Willenhall; Somerfield Road with our ability to deliver in Bloxwich and Short affordshle housing.

in Bloxwich and Short Street and Wessex Close, both in Brownhills.

Strategy

Bosses at Walsall Housing Group said the sites would be developed over the next 18 months, with the first project due to push ahead at Harrowby Road where 231 homes are planned.

nomes are planned.
The remaining four
housing schemes are due to
start by February next year.
Chris King, managing
director of Kier Partnership
Homes, said the firm was
delighted.
He said: "Our minimizer

He said: "Our winning strategy included innovative

funding solutions, combined with our ability to deliver affordable housing.

"The project team has demonstrated true collaboration and overcome many issues to ensure that the client can proceed with this much-needed regeneration to the local area."

The project has been made possible by using grant funding through the Homes and Communities Agency's Affordable Homes Programme.

Walsall Housing Group

Programme.
Walsall Housing Group houses more than 40,000 people in 19,000 properties and has invested more than £350m in homes and communities since its launch in 2003.

Hippo art goes on show

ART inspired by Walsall's famous hippopotamus sculpture will go on show at the town's New Art Gallery this month.

More than 100 children created artwork inspired by Walsall's famous hippo sculpture by John Woods, which has had pride of place in the town centre since 1972.

As well as the children's hippos, 12 Walsall-based artists have decorated eight of the hippo models which formed an arts discovery trail in Walsall during the summer holidays.

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Childcare Level I

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MONDAY

False Eyelash Application I week course.

12.30pm-2.30pm

Beginners Eyelash / Brow Tinting

10.00am-12noon

7.00pm-9.00pm

Beginners Waxing

4 week course

7.00pm-9.00pm **Eyebrow Threading**

for Beginners 4 week course.

7.00pm-9.00pm



Learn to French Manicure

2 week course

9.30am-11.30am

6.00pm-8.00pm

Beginners Gel Nails

4 week course.

10.00am-12noon

7.00pm-9.00pm

Crafty Arts

Find your creative side.

10.00am-12noon

Watercolours

At Aldridge Community Centre

9.00am-11.00am

11.00am-1.00pm

Floral Art

4.15pm-6.15pm

Arts Mixed Media Includes watercolours

7.00pm-9.00pm

Beginners Spanish

7.00pm-9.00pm

Intermediate Spanish First steps to becoming fluent

7.00pm-9.00pm

in Spanish.

Family Spanish

4.00pm-6.00pm Electronics

For the beginner to the improver

7.00pm-9.00pm

No Fuss Computing

6.30pm-8.30pm

TUESDAY

Intermediate Waxing

4 week course

7.00pm-9.00pm

Mendhi

10.00am-12noon

Beginners Eyebrow Threading 4 week course

1.00pm-3.00pm

False Eyelash Application I week course

7.00pm-9.00pm

Improvers Eyelash/ **Brow Tinting** 2 week course

7.00pm-9.00pm

Make-Up Course

10.00am-12noon 7.00pm-9.00pm

Basic Manicure/ Pedicure Techniques

7.00pm-9.00pm

Floral Art 9.30am-11.30am

Art Attack - The Full Works

At Rushall Community Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

Crafty Arts

7.00pm-9.00pm

British Sign Language

7.00pm-9.00pm

Access to Employment 10.00am-12noon

Confidence Building



Pelsall Photography Club First Tuesday of the month.

7.00pm-9.00pm WEDNESDAY

Floral Art

1.00pm-3.00pm

Watercolours At Pelsall Activity Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm Sugarcraft

7.00pm-9.00pm

Improvers Digital Photography 1.00pm-3.00pm

7.00pm-9.00pm

Beginners Photoshop 3.30pm-5.30pm

Access to Employment 10.00am-12noon Confidence Building

10.00am-12noon

Tap Dancing 6.30pm-7.15pm Beginners

7.20pm-8.20pm Improvers THURSDAY

Basic Gardening Techniques 7.00pm-9.00pm

Soft Furnishings

10.00am-12noon 6.30pm-8.30pm No Fuss Computing

10.00am-12noon

Beginners Digital Photography 1.00pm-3.00pm

7.00pm-9.00pm

Family Spanish 4.00pm-6.00pm

No Fuss Computing Held at Broadway North Centre.

1.00pm-3.00pm

FRIDAY Basic Manicure/ Pedicure Techniques

10.00am-12noon

Watercolours

At Aldridge Community Centre

11.30am-1.30pm 1.30pm-3.30pm

Studio Photography

10.00am-12noon Photoshop

7.00pm-9.00pm

No Fuss Computing 10.00am-12noon Beginners Photoshop

12.30pm-2.30pm

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10.00am-12noon Ebay for Beginners

3 week course

10.00am-12noon Introduction to Twitter & Facebook - Get Connected

10.00am-12noon

Green Finger Gardening 10.00am-12noon



SATURDAY'S TV 7.09.13

CHOICE



Strictly Come Dancing BBC1, 6.50pm

We don't want to tread on the twinkle toes of the couples over on ITV's Stepping Out, but Britain's most high-profile celebrity dance contest is back well sort of. We'll have to wait for the contest to start in earnest, but this star-studded launch will give us a taste of what's in store. Everyone from Desperate Housewife Teri Hatcher to Hairy Biker Dave Myers has been rumoured to be in the running, but Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly will finally be revealing which celebs will be joining confirmed contestant Vanessa Feltz on the dance floor.

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Qualifying. 2.30 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 3.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 4.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.00 That Puppet Game Show 5.40 BBC News; Regional News: Weather. 6.00 Pointless Celebrities.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities.
Featuring veteran Blue Peter
hosts Peter Purves and John
Noakes.

Noakes.

5.50 Strietly Come Dancing
2013. Bruce Forsyth and
Tess Daly host a red-carpet
event introducing this year's
15 celebritles to their
professional partners, with
music by Rod Stewart and
Jessie J.

The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles

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the Safe. Nick Knowles
hosts the game show in
which three pairs compete in
several quiz rounds with the
reversal quiz rounds with
the rounds in the safe. Includes
the National Lottery results.
BBC News; Weather.
Last Night of the Proms.
Katle Derham presents the
grand finale of this year's
Proms, live from the Royal
Albert Hall, featuring soloists
Nigel Kennedy and US
operatic star Joyce
DiDonato. Continued from
BBC2: National Lottery
Update.

update.

10.55 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Shappi Khorsandi, Tom Stade, Steve Hughes and Paul Tonkinson. (R)

(H) 11.25 Film: The Recruit. (2003) Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell. 1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC₂

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.40 6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.40
Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix —
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alert causes chaos. (R)
7.30 Last Night of the Proms.
Marin Alsop becomes the
first woman to conduct the
traditional finale, which
includes pieces by Yaughan
Williams, Massenet, Handel,
Rossini, Wagner, Britten and
Bernstein. Continues on BBC
One at 9.20.

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9.05 Mock the Week. The comedy quiz returns after a summer break, with Ed Byrne. Stewart Francis and Rob Beckett joining host part of the property of the proper

and Andy Parsons.(R)

9.35 Film: 360. (2011) Premiere.
A businessman struggles
with temptation, unwittingly
setting off a chain of events
with consequences across
the world. Drama, starring
Anthony Hopkins and Rachel
Weisz.

Weisz.

11.20 Film: An Unfinished Life.

(2005) Drama, with Robert (2005) . Drama, with Robe Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez.

6.00 CITV: Babar and the
Adventures of Badou. 6.10 Matt
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Henry. (R) 8.00 Bottom Knocker
Street. 8.30 Dinner Date. (R) 9.25
Saturday Cookbook. (R) 11.20
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Weather. 12.25 The Dales. (R) 2.50
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6.30 Stepping Out. The celebrities and their partners take on bhangra, line-dancing and the rumba.

the rumba.

The X Factor. The closedroom auditions continue as
more hopefuls queue up to
sing in front of Gary Barlow,
Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon
Osbourne and Louis Walsh.
Dermot O'Leary hosts. 8 00

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9.0 Through the Keyhole.
Jonathan Ross and Denise
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Jonathan Ross and Denise
Van Outen join Dave Berry on
the panel as Keith Lemon
visits three mystery homes
and challenges them to
guess the identities of the
famous occupants.

10.00 ITV News; Weather
10.15 Flim: Hellboy II: The Golden
Army, (2008) Action fantasy
sequel directed by Guillermo
del Toro, starring Ron
Perlman.

12.25 Jackont/247.3.00 The

12.25 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10
The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 British
Rallycross. 7.00 The Grid. 3.0
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9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Everybody
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5.15 Connel 4 News.
7.05 Double Your House for Half the Money. Sarah Beeny visits a couple whose cottage in Ardens Grafton, Warwickshire, has been extended gradually over time. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a project to transform a classic 1920s cinema in South Yorkshire into a family home, complete with a hydraulic glass wall that opens up one side of the house. (R) Film: Insidious. (2010) Premiere. A family driven from their home by a

Premiere. A family driven from their home by a haunting discover the spirits have followed them and have put their son into a coma. Horror, starring Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne.

11.05 Film: Don't Be Afraid of the Dark. (2010) Premiere. Horror, starring Bailee Madison.

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1.00 Derren Brown: The Guilt Trip.
(R) 2.00 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.15 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.05 Countdown.
(R) 5.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

C. O. Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.35 Slugtera. 11.00 Inside Hollywood. The Committee of th

6.20 Film: North Sea Hijack. (1979) Thriller, with Roger Moore and James Mason. Edited for violence.

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.05 NCIss. The team investigates the murder of a marine working for the Defence Intelligence Agency who was blamed for the disappearance of 500 specialised rifles in Afghanistan. (R)

9.00 NCIS. An investigation into the death of a seaman leaves the investigators wondering whether Globs is about to introduces her new boyfriend to her team-mates. (R)

to her team-mates. (R)

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The remaining housemates embark on their final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned Celebrity Big Brother winner on Friday night.

11.00 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour. Last in the series.

12.00 SuperCasino. 3.55 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.20 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Robin Hood
8.30 World's Craziest Fools 9.00
Film: Road Trip (2000), Comedy,
starring Breckin Meyer, Tom Green
and Seann William Scott. 10.30
Family Guy 11.20 American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Mud. Sweat and Tractors: The
Story of Agriculture 8.00 10 Things
You Didn't Know About Earthquakes
9.00 The Young Montabano 11.00
Mr Blue Sky: The Story of Jeff
Lyme and ELO
ITV2

ITV3
4.35 Film: Small Soldiers (1998)
6.45 Film: Twister (1996). Action thriller, starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Including FYI Daily. 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.45 The X Factor 11.50 The Xtra Factor

3.35 Wycliffe 4.45 Inspector Morse 6.55 Foyle's War. An organised crime racket is investigated. 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Wire in the Blood

1TV4
2.25 Film: Escape to Victory (1981)
4.45 Film: Every Which Way But
Loose (1978) 7.00 Cycling: Vuelta a
Espana 8.00 Hornblower 10.15
Film: The Krays (1990). Gangster
biopic, starring Gary and Martin
Kemp.

5.30 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Suburgatory 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Film: Lake Placid (1999) 10.40 The Big Bang Theory 11.40 The Inbetweeners

Film4
3.00 Aliens in the Attic (2009) 4.40
The Searchers (1956) 7.00 The
Wedding Planner (2001) 9.00
Mission: Impossible III (2006)
11.25 The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007)

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SUNDAY'S TV 8.09.13

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Brenda Blethyn

Vera ITV, 9pm

We're constantly being told that exercise is good for us. However, being a sports fanatic doesn't seem to have done Gideon Frane any good. He's the latest victim whose death is investigated by DCI Vera Stanhope. Frane's charred remains are found after he fell from a Northumberland cliff top in a ball of flames, and it turns out he'd recently received a letter stating he should burn in hell. A further delve into his activities reveals his exgirlfriend, Izzv Rawlins, had made several complaints against him, claiming he was stalking her. Is she behind Frane's demise?

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 2013. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: The Italian Grand Pixe. 3.15 Victoria Woods Nice Cup of Tea. (R) 4.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 Britain's Big Wildlife Revision.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker meets the artists inspired by the village of Staithes on the North Yorkshire coast, Adam Henson reveals the versatility of wheat and Tom Heap investigates solar power.

investigates solar power.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to the seafront at Eastbourne, East Sussex, where items include a collection of Victorian toy soldiers and an early digital watch. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

what Remains. Len begins to uncover the truth about the fragile lives of the residents and it seems he has made a breakthrough when one of them admits to having had a relationship with Melissa.

BRC News: Regional News:

10.00 BBC News; Regional News;

weather.

10.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
With Craig Revel Horwood,
Sheila Hancock and Jon
Richardson. Last in the
series. (R)

11.05 That Puppet Game Show. With Vernon Kay and Mel

Giedroyc. (R)

11.45 Film: Fame. (1980) Musical drama, starring Irene Cara. drama, starring Irene Cara. 1.55 Weatherview. 2.00 BBC News.

BBC₂

7.00 Film: Desert Passage. (1952) 7.00 Film: They Live By Night. (1948) 8.30 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (1) 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bles. 11.30 The Own Company of the Company of the Best Bles. (1) 2.50 Cast. (R) 2.45 Sailing: Americas Cup Lischischer. 2.30 Burnhou Horse

12.00 What to Eat Now. (R) 12.30
EastEnders. (R) 2.25 Ozt.
2.45 Sailing: America's Cup
Highlights. 3.08 Burghley Horse
Trials. 5.30 Flog It! (R)
6.30 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks
7.00 The Great British Bake 0ff.
Mary Berry and Paul
Hollywood assess the
comiestants' dessert-makin
prepare trifles, floating
islands of meringue on
creme anglaise, and petits
fours. (R)
8.00 Dragons' Den. One of the
Dragons picks up a

Dragons' Den. One of the Dragons picks up a saxophone to join in with a musical pitch, and a Hull-based entrepreneur faces the panel to try to raise interest in her all-pink car-care range.

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9.00 The Story of the Jews.

Simon Schama examines the struggle of medieval Jews to preserve their identity under Christian and Islamic rulers and tells the story of their mass expulsion from Spain in 1492.

10.00 QI XL. With Sara Pascoe, Jack Whitehall and David Mitchell.

Mitchell.

10.45 Blackadder the Third. The Duke of Wellington challenges the prince to a duel. Last in the series. (R)

11.15 Film: Shifty. (2008) Drama, starring Riz Ahmed and Daniel Mays.

12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.35 Holby City. (R) 2.35 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. 6.10 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Canimals. (R) 7.25 Sooty. 7.35 Fish Hooks. 7.30 Horrid 7.35 Fish Hooks, 7.50 Horrid Henry (R) 8.00 Bottom Knocker Street. 8.15 Bottom Knocker Street. 8.15 Bottom Knocker Street. 8.30 Country House Sunday. 9.25 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.20 Murder. She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.35 Film: Columbo: Murder – A Self Portrait. (1989) 1.35 Dinner Date. (R) 2.35 The X Factor. (R) 3.40 Big Star's Little Star. (R) 4.45 Film: Land of the Lost. (2009) 6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Coronation Street. Hour-

ITV News; Weather.
Coronation Street. Hourlong episode. The factory
workers visit Hayley in
hospital.
The X Factor. Invited to
Wembley Arena for their
second auditions, the singers
who have already impressed
the judges now have to show
they can entertain a huge
audience. Dermot O'Leary
hosts.

9.00 Vera. Delving into the past of vera. Jeiving into the past of an extreme sports fan who has plunged from a cliff in a ball of flames. Vera uncovers a lifetime of bullying and an unexpected story of rough justice.

11.00 ITV News: Weather

11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 The Unforgettable Leslie
Crowther. A profile of the
game-show host. (R)
11.45 Premiership Rugby Union.
Action from the opening
round of top-light fixtures.
12.40 The Store. 2.40 Motorsport
U.K. 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The
Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

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2013. 7.05 American Football: Hard Knobols, (R) 6.35 Ironman 2013. 7.05 American Football: Hard Knobols, (R) 6.35 Ironman (R) 8.30 Frasier, (R) 9.30 Stunday Brunch, 12.30 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 12.55 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 12.55 The Simpsons, (R) 1.55 The Simpsons, (R) 1.55 The Simpsons, (R) 1.55 The Simpsons, (R) 2.25 Film: Bugsy Malone, (1976) 4.15 Irong 1.55 Irong

unemployment in rural

Wales.

8.00 The Rise of Hitler. Part one of two. Documentary following the Fuehrer's ascent to power, beginning with his early years and the coup he attempted in 1923, which resulted in his imprisonment.

which resulted in his imprisonment.

9.00 Film: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy. (2011) Premiere. A former intelligence operative is brought out of retirement to investigate the possibility of a Soviet mole in Milo. Cold Soviet mole in Milo. Cold Oldman and Colin Firth.

13.04 Ian Carr: Chatty Man. Jamie Foxx and Channing Tatum talk about their new film White House Down, David Walliams chats about his BBC One sitcom Big School and girl group Mutya Keisha Siobhan perform. (R)

12.30 8 Ut of 10 Cats: Best Bits.

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(R) 1.15 American Football Live.
4.45 Ironman 2013. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

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5.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig, 6.05
Floary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.05 Bananas in Pylamas. (R) 7.20 Mody in Toyland. (R) 7.35 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 Bert and Emiles Charles (R) 8.05 Bert and Emiles State (R) 8.05 Bert and Emiles Charles (R) 9.00 Bert and Holly State (R) 9.00 The Mr Men Show. (R) 10.15 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.50 Stugterra. 11.10 Monkey Life. (R) 11.40 Celebrity Big BOTIS. Ryland Stugterszed Sunday. 11.11 (R) 20.25 State (R) 9.50 Sta

Australia.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.
Storybrooke's self-destruct
mechanism is activated. Last
in the series.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events

10.00 Film: Mr & Mrs Smith (2005)

12.20 Film: An American Haunting, (2005) 1.55 SuperCasino. 3.55 Widlife SOS, (R) 4.20 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (f) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.30 Hana's Helpline. (R) 6.20 Car. (R) 5.30 Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Highlights 8.10 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 8.20 Film: Ratatoulile (2007) 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Bad Education 11.15 American Dadl
BBC Four
7.00 Mud, Sweat and Tractors 8.00 Ford's Dagenham Dream 9.00 Reading for Detroit 10.15 Film: 10.15 Fi

ITV2
2.50 Film: Babe: Pig in the City
(1998) 4.40 The X Factor 5.45 The
Xtra Factor 6.50 Film: Dragonheart
(1996) 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00
The Big Reunion: On Tour 11.00
Film: American Pie Presents Band
Camp (2005)

1.50 Film: The Nun's Story (1959) 4.55 Foyle's War 7.00 Lewis. A woman's murder is copied from the pages of a novel. 9.00 Film: Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) 11.40 Film: Bloody Sunday (2002)

17V4
1.40 Film: Northwest Mounted Police (1940) 4.15 Film: Dunkirk (1958) 7.00 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Burn After Reading (2008) 11.00 Film: Scarface (1983) F4

E4
5.20 The Mindy Project 5.50 The
Big Bang Theory 7.15 New Girl
7.45 Film: The Devil Wears Prada
(2006) 10.00 Rude Tube 11.00 The
Inbetweeners 11.35 Don't Trust the
B**** in Apartment 23

B*** in Apartment 20 Film4 3.05 James and the Giant Peach (1996) 4.40 The Jewel of the Nile (1985) 6.45 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) 9.00 The Bank Job (2008) 11.10 Terminal Velocity

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Operation Amsterdam, Channel 4, 4.10am

A stiff-upper-lipped British Army officer engages in a spot of larceny to ald the war effort. Ordered to Amsterdam, he joins forces with two cunning Dutchmen and steals a secret cache of diamonds from a bank vault, thus preventing the gems falling into Nazi hands. Second World War adventure, starring Peter Finch, Tony Rittins and Fus Bartink (1958) Britton and Eva Bartok. (1958)

The Professionals, Channel 4, 12.50pm

A wealthy Texan hires four mercenaries to rescue his wife, who has been abducted and taken to Mexico by a bandit gang. However, when they find her, she refuses to leave and they have to take her by force — ending in a cross-border chase with the outlaws on their tail.

Western adventure, with Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin.

Robert Byarn Woody Strode Jack Palagon and Chartie. Robert Ryan, Woody Strode, Jack Palance and Claudia



Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.20pm

Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.20pm
A London woman's entire future hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah and John Lynch. (1998)

THURSDAY
Elizabeth: The Golden Age, ITV, 10.35pm
Queen Elizabeth I faces threats at home and abroad, as Mary. Queen of Scots plots against her while the King of Spain builds a vast armada to undertake an invasion of England. Unable to reconcile her feelings for the dashing Sir Walter reconcile her teelings for the dashing Sir Watter Raleigh with her duty to her country, the monarch engineers a romance between the courtier and one of her ladies-in-waiting. Historical drama sequel, with Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen, Geoffrey Rush and Samantha Morton. (2007)

FRIDAY
United 93, ITV, 11.05pm
Fact-based drama, re-creating the events on the fourth plane hijacked in the September 11 attacks in 2001. The passengers were by now aware of the destruction at the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. Realising their plane was about to be used for a similar purpose, they set out to wrest control from the terrorists. Directed by Paul Greengrass and starring Christian Clemenson, Trish Gates. David Alan Basche and Chevenne Trish Gates, David Alan Basche and Cheyenne

Pick of the Week

There's news for the boys on the front line

hink of the First World War and what immediately springs to mind?

Probably the dirt, squalor and

Probably the dirt, squator and misery of life in the trenches, coupled with a massive loss of life. There are certainly few laughs to be had whenever the conflict is mentioned – unless, of course, you're a massive fan of Blackadder Goes Forth. But that was a fictional silcom, and the events depicted in this drama are true.

are true.

It focuses on Captain Fred Roberts and Lieutenant Jack Pearson who, in 1916, launched The Wipers Times, a newspaper that turned the horrors of warfare into black comedy and satire, raising the morale of the British Tommys who read it in the process.

This feature-length drama has been comething of a labour of love for its writers, Private Eye alumni lan Hislop and Nick Newman.

"lan had done a radio documentary about the Wipers Times many years ago and he showed me the paper," says Nick. "But when we got talking about it, it was partly the collaboration and the way these two men worked

together that intrigued us. So that was part of the springboard for our fascination with these stories; we imagined it was a bit how we work together."

"And it's the story about a satirical newspaper produced in 1916," adds lan. "We both work on a satirical newspaper now. The truth is that theirs was funnier and much harder to

O. "We're doing it in Soho most of the time and they were doing it in the worst possible circumstances. They were incredible. To think that in the middle of it all they were sitting there writing jokes and then printing them up is just amazing."

Ben Chaplin plays Roberts who, at the start of the story, is leading his troops through a bombed-out building when he stumbles upon a printing

Coincidentally, his sergeant reveals he was a printer before the war, whic inspires Roberts to use the press to produce a newspaper.

Called The Wipers Times (after the way in which British soldiers pronounced Ypres), it's full of jokes,

pastiches and spoofs – an approach that upsets some of Roberts superiors, but gets the full backing of a general who recognises its worth. Michael Palin, Emilla Fox and Julian Rhind-Tult also star in this tale which, at times, seems almost too bizarre to be true.

be true.

Nick explains: "We've been
wey lucky because we've got the
original Recimile of the original Wipers
Times in their entirety. Also we've got
a memoir that Fred Floherts wrote
long after the war. Everything in the
story is true: there's a meeting with
Churchill, there are spies, there's all
kinds of detail, which was all
absolutely true."

absolutely true."
"If you watch the film and you think we've made it up, we won't have, it'll be true," claims lan. "Roberts' life is extraordinary and he wins the Military Cross in the middle of the War for gallantry, just after producing a magazine at the Battle of the Somme."

There are great performances here, and plenty of stiff upper lips on show – expect to be moved, amused and left on the edge of your seat in equal



Ben Chaplin stars in The Wipers Times, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY Doc Martin

TTV, 9pm
Port Isaac has been a favoured filming locations for years, thanks to projects such as Poldark, The Nightmare Man, and Oscar and Lucinda. However, in recent years the Cornish village has become synonymous with this series. "The number of synonymous with this series. The familier of people who come to see us now is phenomenal, particularly people from America," explains Martin Clunes. The latest good-looking offering should also attract plenty of viewers as the grumpy GF also attract plenty of viewers as the grumpy GP upsets the new childminder and is left holding the baby. Although Mike agrees to look after James at short notice, Louisa is far from happy with the arrangement, which leads to an argument between the newlyweds as their guests, Dennis and Karen

Dodds, turn up for dinner.

Channel 4, 9pm

For some of us, even a 30-minute power cut is enough to send us into a panic, but what if the blackout lasted days — would we show a bit of Blitz spirit? That's the question posed by this drama, and the conclusions don't sound particularly reassuring. Drawing on expert advice and meticulous research blackout follows the first five days of a catastrophic nationwide power cut, caused by cyber attack on the national electricity grid. What makes the drama feel even more real is the use of 'found footage' as the cast, which comprises professional actors alongside members of the public, are filmed on mobile phones, laptops and camcorders presumably charged before the outage.

TUESDAY

Live International Football ITV. 7.15pm

Having faced relative minnows Moldova at Wembley Stadium on Friday in what should have been a straightforward affair, England face a much sterner test of their credentials this evening as they take on Ukraine at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev. This is the final away trip of the campaign for Roy Hodgson's men, who have hardly impressed on their travels, only managing to defeat Moldova and San Marino, and gaining draws in Poland and Montenegro, The sides met in their opening qualifier, when only a late Frank Lampard penalty salvaged a 1-1 draw for the hosts, after Yevhen Konoplyanka had opened the scoring in the first half.

The Great British Bake Off

BBC2, 8pm
This show doesn't just bring us an array of baked goods that look so tempting they make us want to lick the screen – oh no, it also provides us with a virtually non-stop stream of gentle innuendo. So, Mel and Sue should be in their element this week as the remaining contestants tackle tarts anything that stops them sticking their elbows in the bakers' muffins, as they did a couple of weeks ago, is bound to a bonus The presenters will also be finding out more about the 700-year history of the English custard tart, which also

happens to be this week's technical challenge, and leaves some of our hopefuls looking a bit wobbly.

WEDNESDAY

ITV, 8pm

Doc Martin, Monday, ITV, 9pm

Back in 1984, Michael Aspel hosted Child's Play. an ITV series which ran for 75 episodes and featured the hilarious observations of kids. (We suspect laughing gas was pumped into the studio considering the reactions of some of the audience members' reactions). That ran for four years and

amazingly ITV bosses left the format well alone. However, this offering exploits similar themes designed to embarrass and delight semi-famous celebrities such as Sinitta. The occasional X Factor contributor/l'm A Celebrity. veteran will be appearing with her eight-year-old daughter Magdelena; Robbie Savage and his son Freddie, 7, and Duncan James

plays the game with daughter Tianie-Finn, 8. Apparently the show will be 'filled with celebrity revelations. funny anecdotes and heart-warming moments:

THURSDAY BBC2, 9pm It's not every day

that movie stars agree to appear in a BBC2 drama. But then it's not every day that a project like this comes along. Set in 1919, it was inspired by a reallife Midlands gang who sewed razor blades into the peaks of their flat caps so they could use them as weapons during any altercations with rivals or enemies. Cillian Murphy plays Tommy Shelby, who's been away fighting in the First World War. During his and his older brother's absence, their Aunt Polly (Helen McCrory), has run their dodgy family business. Now they're back, Tommy is determined to make the Shelbys the area's toughest, wealthiest and most ruthless family. Sam Neill plays the policeman ordered to bring the Shelbys to justice.

Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final Channel 5, 8.30pm What a glorious series this has been, even if many of us may never have heard of Abz Love, aka Richard Breen (of boyband 5ive): Dustin Diamond (of cult US sitcom Saved By The Bell); TOWIE signing Mario Falcone; Geordie Shore's Charlotte Crosby; US model Courtney Stodden, and Dublin Wives' Danielle Marr, the first evictee. Genuine star Carole McGiffin has been one of the most entertaining, along with ex-Corrie thesps Bruce Jones and Vicky Entwistle; Sophie Anderton; Lauren Harries (aka former alleged child prodigy James), and camp hoofer Louie Spence. However, Ron Atkinson seemed bemused by the whole affair. Now we find out who has made it to the final, and who will be the latest CBB winner.

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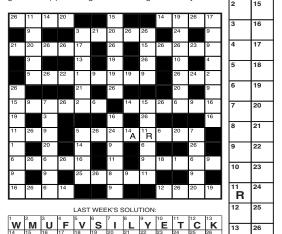
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- 1. An animal for a dollar (4) drink (8)
- 3. Cheeky chappie at university (8)
- 8. She's never after a part (4)
- 9. Something heard in court, without doubt, gives gratification (8)
- 11. Go over to the enemy once more? (12)
- 13. They're for putting on vegetables (6)
- 14. It is barred (6)
- 17. Result of refusing to take things lying down? (5-2,5)
- 20. Exits? (8)
- 21. A direction to lower a boat (4)
- 22. Mislaid one's watch and was held up? (4.4)
- 23. An indistinct impression of speed?

- 1. Gave beer as a
- 2. Craft of many a wise man (7)
- 4. Tell a minister off quietly (6)
- 5. Is little skill required to sail them? (5,5)
- 6. Cast down (5) 7. You want to be in it
- (4) 10. Expanding, becom-
- ing more communicative (7,3) 12. The most admirable
- debtor is one who aives (8) 15. U.S. soldier in a
- pub? That's reason able! (7)
- 16. Enough to prevent parting without meeting (6)
- 18. Of course they're better devices (5)
- 19. A spring I pass

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Wander (4)
- 3. Fraud (8)
- 8. Muddle (4)
- 9. Adherent (8)
- 11. Shows (12)
- 13. Attack (6)
- 14. Coma (6)
- 17. Student of insects (12)
- 20. Lift (8)
 - 21. Greet (4)
 - 22. Scatter (8)
 - 23. Refuse (4)

- 1. Curative (8) 2. Adopts (7)
- 4. Genial (6)
- 5. Magnetism (10)
- 6. Result (5)
- 7. Fire-arms (4)
- 10. Animate (10) 12. Cruelly (8)
- 15. Secret (7)
- **16.** Spongy (6) 18. Wants (5)

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10 Worse; 11 Pitch; 12 Threats; 13 Nicest; 15
Demean; 18 Heroine; 20 Legal; 22 Nears; 23
Torment; 24 Antecedents. Down: 2 React; 3
Hitches; 4 Parity; 5 Lower; 6 Garbage; 7 Helping
hand; 8 Personality; 14 Curtain; 16 Enlarge; 17
Settle; 19 Issue; 21 Great. OUICK - Across: 1
Advancement; 9 Lattice; 10 Lemon; 11 Bloat; 12
Plaudit; 13 Ensure; 15 Psyche; 18 Gainsay; 20
Aesop; 22 Sense; 23 Tribute; 24 Temperament.
Down: 2 Ditto; 3 Aviator; 4 Creep; 5 Malta; 6
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Science; 16 Stadium; 17 Oyster; 19 Steep; 21
Spurn.





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inset sink with mixer taps, integrated fridge, electric hould in oven hood/extractor, with a utility room having work surface, inset sink, plumbing for washing machine and dishwasher.

On the first floor bedroom one has a white en suite with WC, vanity unit with hand basin and shower cubicle and there are three more bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite comprising

bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite comprising P-shaped bath with shower and screen, pedestal hand basin and WC.

There is an integral garage, while gardens have a block paved terrace and raised patio, gravelled areas, ornamental trees, shrubs and lawn, with the house approached over a asphalt drive to a block paved forecourt with extensive

court with extensive parking. Call Boot & Son on 01543 505454.

AN improved four-bedroom detached house in the sought after village of Cheslyn Hay is for sale with a price tag of £295,000.

The property in Thornley Croft has a reception hall, lounge, refitted cloakroom with WC, dining room/study, fitted kitchen with breakfast area, conservatory, utility room, four bedrooms, refitted en suite shower room, refitted family bathroom, integral garage, gas central heating, double glazing, intruder alarm and corner plot gardens. plot gardens.

plot gardens.
On the ground floor the cloakroom has a white WC and vanity unit with hand basin, while the lounge – 11ft 4in by 15ft 11in – has a Minster style fire surround with marble hearth and inset and natural flame gas fire and double doors to a dining room/study which is 11ft 4in by 10ft 5in and with patio doors to a conservatory patio doors to a conservatory measuring 14ft 6in by 9ft

4in.
The L-shaped kitchen

Traditional property is given a modern twist

edge of Burntwoood and with open views to the front is for sale with a price tag of £349,950.

Offering accommodation with traditional features with a modern twist, the home also has a detached annexe at the side ideal for use as an office or as a separate dwelling.

arate dwelling. On the ground floor is a reception hall with double doors to a lounge 26ft 10in by 13ft 6in with inglenook fireplace and multi-fuel stove and doors to a dining area with further doors to the breakfast kitchen – together measuring 26ft 7in by 13ft 10in.

Integrated

Integrated
This has a range of wall and base units, roll top work surfaces, stainless steel sink drainer, pan drawers, wine rack, built in five-ring stainless steel gas hob with stainless steel extractor hood and eye-level built in oven, integrated dishwasher, breakfast bar and space for large fridge/freezer.
There is also a rear lobby used as a sitting area/part study, a ground floor bathroom with white suite of claw foot slipper bath, pedestal wash hand basin and WC and a storage room with plumbing for automatic washing machine.
On the first floor the master bedroom features a vaulted ceiling and there are three further bedrooms

On the first floor the master bedroom features a vaulted ceiling and there are three further bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath, pedestal wash basin, WC and separate shower cubicle.

The detached annexe/office has a cloakroom with WC and wash hand basin and a reception room which is 13ft 2in by 1ft 6in

is 13ft 2in by 1ft 6in.

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14 LIME STREET, PENN FIELDS,

WOLVERHAMPTON Well presented Mid Terraced

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Clean, spacious Three Bed Semi with extra land

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Investment Property, good location. Modern Three

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Spacious Two Bed Second Floor Apartment with Garage

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WOLVERHAMPTON Spacious Three Bed, large plot

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Howering now and so too will chrysanthemums, Japanese anemones and phlox. If you pick off the faded flower heads of these peren-nials and from remaining bedding plants then you can encourage a long-lasting display.

encourage a long-lasting display.
Watering of bedding plants during September, may be necessary if the weather is warm and dry. Watering will help to encourage plants to continue flowering although for maximum production they will need a weekly dose of a soluble plant food to keep soluble plant food to keep them going.

Boost

Use up the remains from boxes of Miracle-Gro Plant Food to feed any plant that needs a final boost before winter.

Some autumn flowering plants, especially golden rod (Solidago) and Michaelmas daisies (Aster) are subject to attack from powdery mildew

If you see the first signs of the tell-tale symptoms then the only solution is to spray with either FungusClear Ultra (a concentrate for mixing in your own pressure sprayer) or FungusClear Ultra Gun! (a diluted spray



Jananese anemones provide autumn colour

that is ready-to use). Keep an eye on other ornamentals that may be susceptible to powdery mildew including late flowering clematis and verbene.

Roses may well be showing signs of powdery mildew or rose blackspot on mature leaves.

At this time of the year it At this time of the year it is a good idea to pick off all the leaves that are showing disease and disposing of these in the dustbin rather than on the compost heap. Before the end of September spray with Roseclear Ultra or Roseclear Ultra Gun! to

control pests at the same time and remember to start spraying your roses next year with a fungicide as soon as the fresh leaves unfurl and repeat regularly.

Temperatures

It's not unusual at this time of the year to see the damage from extra slugs and snails that have emerged as temperatures fall and dew is formed more readily.

If you see holes being

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driveway.

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NEW

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NEW

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- Driveway EPC rating D



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Brewer Street

Pleasant upstairs family bathroom

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Parker Street

- DSS accepted EPC rating G





Thomas Mews

- 1 bedroom ground floor a
 One spacious living room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom with white suite





Church Street, Darlaston

- A 1 bed 1st floor apartment 1 Good size reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower Gas central heating



Neath Road

Gas central heating and Double glazing

A well presented 2 bed mid
 1 Spacious reception room

A Pleasant family bathroom

Rear garden, EPC Rating D

A modern fitted kitchen

- Modern fitted kitchen with cooke

Gas CentralHeating and Double Glazing
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You'll be sitting pretty with new smaller and lighter C4 Picasso

By Ian Donaldson

A BIT smaller, a bit lighter, a bit more economical and a bit more room for people and things. That's the new C4 Picasso as it updates a

very successful formula.

Building on a line of people carriers that began with the Xsara Picasso in 1999, the newcomer adds a touch of style – inside and out – to a class of car that has to major on sense over looks and can easily end up simply dull

sense over looks and can easily end up simply dull.

This latest C4 Picasso is anything but boring to look out, doing a good job of hiding the practicality demanded by the young families that are going to take a huge slice of sales. Inside, with two big screens to look at and the possibility of adding a roof with so much glass it feels like living in a conservatory, the sense of style continues apace. Citroën

licences the Picasso name from the estate of the 20th century artist (at a never revealed cost) and you hope he might approve, given a sight of the car wherever his spirit resides right now Priced from £17,500 to £24,465, the car is the first Citroën built on a new platform (the most expensive piece of a car to design and build) that we'll see under lots of Citroëns and Peugeots in the years ahead.

and Peugeots in the years ahead.

Sibling

A longer Grand Picasso, with seven seats over three rows, arrives in January next year and, if past sales are a guide, will sell more than twice as many in the UK as its smaller

than twice as many in the UK as its smaller sibling.

Citroën was careful to get over the message that the C4 Picasso was more about family practicality than sporting fun before it let the press in its new baby, and it's certainly no contender for pole at Silverstone.

These before II reference and signed for

Thank goodness, I say, for a car designed for family life and not weighed down by absurd expectations from a marketing department living in cloud cuckoo land. So it was good to

the hottest day of the year, so hot that step-ping out of the car felt like entering a burning house while being gently sprayed with warm

A pity, though, that the ride turned unpleasantly pattery over some of the nondescript roads around the launch venue in north script roads around the launch venue in north London. You can choose a petrol engine in your C4 Picasso, but almost no-one will, going for the diesel option instead. The 92 horse-power version in the test car (a 115hp unit is also available) was peppy enough (108mph, 0-62mph in 12.9 seconds), although the 46mpg recorded on the trip computer was way off the 67mpg returned in the official, but unrealistic, tests the car had to be put through.

The VTR+ plus trim will be the most popular choice in the C4 Picasso line and includes rear parking sensors and a DAB radio on top of cruise control, alloy wheels and dual-zone air conditioning. Practical aspects

dual-zone air conditioning. Practical aspects range from three same-sized rear seats that slide to increase boot room and a front passenger seat that folds flat



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SPORT

It's Villa chuckling after class is shown

Villa 3 Rotherham 0
THE last time Villa faced a Yorkshire side in the League Cup it ended in heartbreak, urites Nick Mashiter.
But with their Bradford beating still raw, the Villans began to heal the wounds by cruising past Rotherham.
Andi Weimann and Christian Benteke underlined their class with clinical first-half strikes and Fabian

their class with clinical first-half strikes and Fabian Delph grabbed the goal his performance deserved. The Chuckle Brothers are honorary presidents of the Millers, but there were no cheap laughs for the visitors as Villa did a professional job.

as Villa did a professional job.
Rotherham were masters of their own downfall on 19 minutes when Kari Arnason gifted Weimann the ball.

The Austrian raced down the right and – when his attempted pass ricocheted back off the covering Arnason – blasted into the

Arnason blasted into the top corner from 20 yards. Five minutes before the break, again Arnason surrendered possession, this time to Ashley Westwood, who fed Gabby Agbonlahor and he skipped down the right to cross for Benteke to crash in a far-post header. Martin Pringle shot just wide in response, but the game was over on 53

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Wasps are stung by a

Aldridge 27
Dudley Wasps 25
THIS match definitely lived up to the cliché of a game of two halves with Aldridge dominating much of the first and Dudley taking control of the second.

Aldridge No.8 Chris Balmforth opened the scoring after just two minutes.

Dudley hit back with a

after just two minutes.

Dudley hit back with a Gary Morgan penalty and a try from Tom Underhill.

Addridge used the territorial advantages gained to set up attacking platforms which provided a second try for Balmforth, and one for flanker Alex Holding.

No.10 Mark Large converted Balmforth's then went on to score himself.

He added the extras providing the home side with a 24-8 lead at the interval. It was all change in the second half as the visitors set about reducing the deficit.

Two further tries from

Two further tries from Two further tries from Underhill and one from left winger Craig Matharu plus a conversion from Morgan put them Dudley in front by a single point with 20 minutes to go but Aldridge held on until a Mark Large penalty gave them the points.

Hosts grab a late winner

Southam 2 Pelsall 1
A LATE goal denied The Villans a share of the spoils at Southam United.
A goal from John Charters had given Pelsall a first half lead, but the hosts were able

They levelled with a penalty before notching the late winner.

late winner.
Villa boss Craig Timmins said: "I told the lads at half-time that if we avoided any individual mistakes, we would win the game.
"We got ourselves into a good position but it was a disappointing way for us to lose and we will be working on certain areas in training on certain areas in training this week to ensure that we can see games out."

Money talks but Saddlers rattle Stoke

ULTIMATELY money talked. A Stoke City team which cost tens of millions played a Walsall side which cost not very much at all and eventually the Premier League outfit won.

But that was only after they had been given a severe second-half examination by their League One

All those zeroes on the end of the All those zeroes on the end of the Stoke players' transfer fees and contracts counted for little when they were rocking as Walsall pushed for the goal which would have taken the tie into extra-time.

The visitors had been brought back into the game by an Ashley Hemmings strike which came from a move the like of which the high-paid hosts didn't manage all night when £8m striker Kenwyne Jones slotted home his and Stoke's

third goal seven minutes from time, the relief among the majority of the 11,667 crowd at the Britannia Stadium was palpable.

nia Stadium was paipable.
Pity then, really, that the Saddlers had gifted Jones and the hosts a two-goal advantage.
The otherwise solid Sam Mantom presented his opener on a

plate with a sloppy back-pass. With competition for places in the Sad-dlers midfield fierce, it was an untimely error – particularly when central midfield partner Nicky Featherstone was arguably man-of the match.

When Jones then reacted quicker than the visiting defence to fire home the second from Jer-

positives were many. Andy Taylor showed no rustiness on his return from injury while Hemmings took his goal superbly.

Aside from Featherstone, the real standout was Romaine

Sawyers.

Handed another start by a recurrence of Milan Lalkovic's hamstring problem, Sawyers once again impressed with his touch, technique and all-round vision.

The former Albion man definitely has something and a permanent place in the starting XI needs to be found.

Walsall seemed to have more

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though chances were at a premium for both sides until Mantom

invited Jones to open the scoring in the 21st minute.

The midfielder's back-pass into a dangerous area fell between James Chambers and Paul Downing and Jones nipped in, took

Downing and Jones nipped in, took the ball and fired it past Richard O'Donnell in the Saddlers goal. Nine minutes later it was two. Jones and Walsall skipper Andy Butler jumped in unison for Pennant's corner, the ball dropped between them and the striker was quick to smash it home.

Smith is pleased at spirit of his squad

DEAN SMITH hailed Walsall's fighting spirit after their Capital One Cup exit at Stoke.

A Kenwyne Jones hat-trick condemned the Sad-dlers to a 3-1 defeat in the second round tie but Smith's men emerged with credit after a battling display against a strong Potters side.

against a strong Potters side.
Trailing 2-0 at the break,
Ashley Hemmings rounded
off a superb move to reduce
the deficit early in the second
half and the visitors threatened to equalise before
Jones' third late on.
"I was really pleased with
the manner in which we
came back," said Smith.
"It would have been easy
for us to fold, 2-0 down
against such quality opposition but we were positive and
the main aggressors in the

the main aggressors in the second half."

He added: "There were a

He added: "There were a lot of positives. I thought our second half performance was outstanding. We played some good football.

"We told the players at half-time we wanted them to be a bit more positive and go and play in Stoke's half, which I thought we did.

"The manner in which we went from our half to their half to score the goal was fan-half to score the goal was fan-

half to score the goal was fan-tastic and we had a few other chances as well." added

Clayton in runs again for leaders

Whittington 150 Rushall 1st XI 154-2

Rushall win by 8 wickets RUSHALL maintained their domination of Division 2 with another comprehensive

victory.
Rushall won the toss and put Whittington in. Only Joe Edwards (27) managed to get out of the teens, as they finished on 159 in 33 overs.

finished on 159 in 33 overs.

Rushall lost Andy Beech
early on but Andy Clayton
(60no) continued his excellent form with the bat.

He and Ian Edwards
(41no) put on an unbeaten
105 to see Rushall home
with 40 balls to spare.

Staffs Club Div 3
Rushall 2nd XI 157
Brewood 3rd XI 158-3
Brewood win by 7 wickets

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Rushall's relegation fears continued as they slipped to defeat against Brewood Rushall won the toss and elected to bat. Despite a half-century stand from Daz Stacy (32) and Matt Johnson (10) the anadous heine discounted in the state of the (19) they ended up being dismissed for 157 in 47 overs.

Brewood's reply started slowly, losing two early wickets to the Paul Hopkinson (2-39)

son (2-39).

At 77-3 after 33 overs, the innings seemed to be faltering, but then John Chadwick (61no) and Tom Edwards (40no) eased Brewood to a seven wicket victory.

Carolians win last warm-up

Willenhall 7 K-minster Carolians 29

K'-illistei Caloliais 23 KC's first team rugby squad wound up their pre season with a friendly at Willenhall played over four 20 minute periods.

periods.
After being under pressure for most of the first two sessions they gradually turned the tide and in the end ran out fairly comfortable winners.
Try scorers were Laurence Hughes, Rob Phillips, Nick Martin, Richard Sollum and Chris Pinner who also added two conver-

who also added two conver-

of-the-match.

Pennant's 30th-minute corner, the outlook was bleak.

But against a strong Stoke line-up, the Saddlers rallied and the

Wood face a replay as Leek fights back twice

Leek Town 2 Walsall Wood 2
THE Evo Stik Division 1 South high flyers twice came from behind to force a replay at Oak Park, Both sides contributed to a cracking Cup tie that could have gone either way.

Ing Cup tie that could have gone either way.

From their first real attack on 12 minutes Wood should have gone ahead, a measured ball down the right by Andre Gonzales saw keeper Ben Chapman race from his area only to be beaten to the ball by Harry Harris who pushed the ball past him and from an almost impossible angle rolled a cross shot wide.

On 21 minutes a 35, yard

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On 21 minutes a 35-yard ree kick by Shelley eflected off a defender's

On 21 minutes a 35-yard free kick by Shelley deflected off a defender's shoulder and missed by shoulder and missed by inches, the resulting corner eventually cleared.

Not long after Corey Currithers collected the ball wide right, ran away from his marker before cutting inside to hit a low cross that was tucked away by Harris to put Wood ahead.

It stung Town, on 33

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It stung Town, on 33
minutes a right wing corner
was only half cleared to Matt
Bell, whose rising drive was
well held by keeper Mark
Wiggin.

On the half time mark
Town were given a free kick
five yards outside the box,
Jordan Johnson hitting an
absolute screamer into the

absolute screamer into the roof of the net.

roof of the net.

The scorer turned provider in injury time, collecting a clearance on the right of the box before crossing to the far post, John Johnston powered a header back across goal, Wiggin somehow kept it out and Stretton completed the clearance. clearance.

Wood went ahead again on 56 minutes, Ahmet Bil-gimer's willingness to chase lost causes was rewarded when he forced a left wing

Gonzales delivered the ball in for Stone who bullet-

The reply was instant, the ball played into the box, Wiggin making a brave save at the feet of Shelley which left the keeper injured.

On 70 minutes Bell made On 70 minutes Bell made space wide left, played the ball inside to Johnston, whose dipping drive just didn't come down enough. Town were ratcheting up the pressure with Wood just playing the ball forward.

Then five minutes later from a left-wing corner a scramble developed at the near post, Johnson forcing the ball home off a Wood player.

player.

Neither side were prepared to settle for a draw, on 84 minutes a long ball over the top by Chapman was collected at pace by Johnston, but under intense pressure from Stone, he fired over.

Five minutes later it was Five minutes later it was that man Shelley going across the face of the Wood box from left to right, his low drive bouncing off the inside of the right hand post, rolling along the line before being gratefully picked up by a very relieved Wiggin.

Wood could how you it in

a very relieved Wiggin.

Wood could have won it in injury time, a long ball forward by Wiggin saw Bilgimer read the bounce better than the defender before racing clear to fire wide of the advancing Chapman.

Martial arts students return as world champions

WALSALL Tae Kwon Do Club (WTKDC) can proudly boast having five new world champions in its ranks after returning from at the 10th Open Tae Kwon Do Interna-tional World Champi-

tional World Championships.
WTKDC students have been preparing for the hampionships since January, perfecting their fighting skills.

skills.
All students attending the championships represented England in their respective categories and fought with heart and soul to make the event a spectacular. The championships were held in the Skydome Arena, Coventry which welcomed more than 3,000 competitors from 20 countries over three days.

Referees

Referees

WTKDC instructors
Jason Rowley and EmilyJane Arms were selected to
be international referees for
the competition.
There were selected from

more 1,500 applicants who applied to officiate at the ent which needed 350 offi-

Emily Shaw was the defending World Champion, Shaw dominated her division the ladies Red/Black belt middleweights to be crowned again the World Champion.



Back row, from left, Elliott Martin, Tim Sheward, Chief Instructor Jason Rowley, Gian Singh and Emily Shaw. Front, from left, Aryan Singh and Connor Bloxham

Champion.

Shaw continued this success into the tag team belt with fellow club member Asma Kouser both red/black belt World Championship streak and be crowned the Tag team champions.

Elliott Martin also a defending World Champion, fought his way to the final of

Joy of six for club's new shirt sponsor deal



From left, sponsor Dave Lawley, First XV skipper Roy Fisher and chairman Dave Harman displaying the new look jersey which has six sponsors

PERRY Barr rugby club Birmingham Barbarians knows the joy of a six as that's the amount of businesses behind their new shirt sponsorship

The Barbarians, a club which plays at Moor Lane in Midlands West 5 (North), have unveiled a new look playing kit for the 2013-14 season.

The kit is sponsored by driving instructor Learn with Lawley of Sutton Coldfield. PRomotion public relations, design agency Flair Creative and dance studio Flexx of

The distinctive olive green, black and royal blue hooped shirt, manufactured by Maori, also features the club's logo and the name of their HQ, the Safe Harbour pub on Moor Lane, on the reverse together with handmade craft gifts firm The Personal Touch on the

Lifeblood

Dave Lawley, a Barbarians player, rugby referee and owner of Learn with Lawley said: "Sponsorship is the lifeblood of clubs like the Birmingham Barbarians and I'm delighted to have joined

Barbarians Chairman Dave Harman said: "We're very grateful to these six companies for the support they've given us and we look forward to the new season with what is a very unique shit that reflects the unique shirt that reflects the club's heritage from the days of Kynoch RFC and Birchfield RUFC." Anyone interested in taking

thinking businesses in backing

the club for the new season

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Missed chances scupper Lockmen

Wellington 4
Willenhall Town 0
WILLENHALL lost this
game because of the amount
of chances they missed.

Danny Campbell hit the side netting early on before he set up Eddie Wilson for a 30-yard effort that dipped

over. Another Wilson effort from distance flew just over before Morgan saw two weak efforts blocked by the keeper before Simon Laidley forced a good save for a corner and Jamie Siviter fired at the keeper.

Apart from a second minute free-kick which hit the outside of a post the hosts had shown nothing until they scored on the half hour.

A break down the right

hour.

A break down the right saw Aaron Morgan played in and he fired home before a loose ball dropped to Saul Thomas to also fire home two minutes later.

Two more efforts at the start of the second half by Campbell were blocked before the hosts killed the game with two more goals.

A quick attack down the

game with two more goals. A quick attack down the left saw the ball pulled back from the goal-line before the unmarked Saul Thompson netted comfortably.
Then a corner was headed home and it was game over for the visitors. Willenhall are visiting Bartley Green on Saturday 3pm kickofthen Bilston on September 11 kickoff 7.45pm.

Boxer Keane on home soil

WALSALL'S Chris Keane returns to action on Saturday night in his hometown looking to bounce back from his pro defeat.

ns pro dereat.

After losing to Neil Dawson at the same venue in May, the Midlands cruiserweight champion will compete in a four-round contest against Lithuanian Remigijus Ziausys.

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It comes on the undercard of Jason Welborn versus Max Maxwell for the British Masters Light Middleweight Title at Walsall Town Hall. Keane is no stranger to Ziausys, having already faced him in the pro ranks. The pair went toe-to-toe over six rounds at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall in March 2012. Keane won a unanimous point decision and is confident of a similar outcome this time around. outcome this time around.

Tickets, priced at £30 and £60 Ringside, are available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900.

Bowater looking for hat-trick of victories

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Des Bowater, is looking to make it a hat-trick of professional victories on Saturday night.

The super featherweight is on the undercard of Jason Welborn and Max Maxwell's British Masters Light Middleweight Title fight at Walsall Town Hall.

The 22-year-old switched to the paid ranks in May and since then has chalked up two impressive victories – against Michael Stupart and Harvey Hemsley respectively.

On Saturday, he faces fellow 22-year-old, Chichester's Jonathan Fry (1-7-1) at the venue where he made his debut just four months ago. Bowater said: "I can't wait. I've

seen a few clips of Fry and he's a step up from Stupart and Hemsley, which is what I wanted."

Bowater, who made the finals of the Midlands ABA Championship at 60kg in each of the last two years, has enjoyed the switch from the amateurs.

The former Wodensborough ABC fighter believes he is more of a threat in the pro ranks and has also praised the role of his father and trainer, Ken Bowater.

He added: "I think my style is suited to the

pro game. I think I've got the power to hurt people. I enjoyed the amateurs but I always wanted to turn pro. My dad has trained me since I was a kid."

Tickets to see Bowater in action, priced at £30 and £60 Ringside, are available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111

2900.

As well as Bowater versus Fry and Welborn versus Maxwell, EJKO's 'Boys From The Black Country: The Aftermath' show, features seven other contests.

Stafford's Rob Hunt faces Birmingham's Andrew Patterson whilst Stoke lightweight, Kevin Hanks takes on evergreen Sid

Razak and unbeaten light welterweight prospect, Luke Paddock, will enjoy a hometown work-out against vastly experienced Nuneaton scrapper, Kristian Laight.
Tipton-born welterweight Anthony Tildesley makes his professional bow against durable South African Bheki Moyo whilst fellow youngster, West Bromwich welterweight Tom Stokes, takes on Tamworth veteran, Matt Seawright.
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worrn veteran, Matt Seawright.
Tipton featherweight, Lee Glover, takes
on Pavels Senkovs for a second time.
Tickets are £30 and £60 Ringside and
available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office
on 0845 111 2900.

Adebola injured in warm-up

Rushall Olympic 1
Stockbridge Park Steels 1
RUSHALL Olympic suffered a blow in the prematch warm-up when Dele Adebola suffered a neck injury and was replaced by Dave Walker.

The home side began in confident fashion though and good play from Ahmed Obeng and Luke Bottomer caused numerous problems for the visitors.

The goal the home side deserved arrived in the 21st minute from the spot, when Nick Swirad brought down Lee Downes and Bottomer stepped up to send Ben Scott

stepped up to send Ben Scott the wrong way.

The home side should have doubled their lead

have doubled their lead shortly after when another excellent passing move created a chance for Obeng who shot over from close range.

Walker glanced a header wide and on 35 minutes the visitors suffered a blow when goalkeeper Scott was carried off following a chal-lenge on Obeng.

carried off following a chal-lenge on Obeng.

The keeper received a caution and was replaced by striker Danny South, but three minutes before the break, and against the run of play, Stocksbridge were on level term as Nathan Joynes slotted home from a corner.

SORRY SADDLERS' PROUD RUN EN

Walsall 0 Preston North End 3

SIMON GRAYSON'S team were better than the sorry Saddlers in every department.

The hosts were out-thought, out-fought and outwitted as they collapsed to a first home league defeat since Swindon Town's visit last November.

Dean Smith was proud of his players after their battling

Dean Smith was proud of a performance in the Capital One Cup against Stoke City last Wednesday, but there was nothing to cheer here.

When they sit down to look at the DVD and assess where things went wrong it.

where things went wrong, it will not make happy viewing.

Three goals conceded, all thoroughly avoidable, allowed the impressive visitors to stroll away with the points but the scoreline did not flatter them.

Smith admitted he had

not seen this coming. The Saddlers boss and his The Saddlers boss and his players make a point of not getting carried away when they win games so there should be no prolonged wailing or gnashing of teeth at this defeat, no matter how poor the performance.

The phrase 'bad day at the office' was the one being used and it must be hoped this display was just that an unfortunate one-off.

Preston pressed and

an unfortunate one-off.
Preston pressed and
closed down the hosts,
leaving space at a premium.
The tactic worked so successfully that the number of

Saddlers moves could be counted on one hand and Declan Rudd became the latest in a worrying line of opposition keepers to be rarely tested.

Moves constantly broke down through mis-placed passes and at times it

Saddlers

seemed Preston simply wanted it more, while up front Milan Lalkovic and Craig Westcarr were almost anonymous barring one move in the first half which saw the latter short wide saw the latter shoot wide.

saw the latter shoot wide.

Smith admitted he had
probably blundered in team
selection with Romaine
Sawyers and Nicky Featherstone, who both impressed
at Stoke, on the bench.

After standing up to the

After standing up to the visitors' physicality for the opening half-hour, Saddlers then gifted them the opener.

Keeper Richard O'Donnell will not be happy with
the way he allowed Joel
Byrom's free-kick to creep in
at the far post after it had
evaded everybody.

Then, young left-back Mal
Benning, was found wanting
as Chris Humphreys and
Holmes added the secondhalf minutes.

He allowed Humphreys to
cut in from the right and
beat O'Donnell with a drive
which took a slight deflection up and over the keeper.

But worse was to follow

But worse was to follow But worse was to follow when he attempted to clear a Humphreys cross but totally mis-kicked. The ball rolled to former Saddler Lee Holmes who coolly slotted home.



Striker Craig Westcarr looks to force a way past Preston's Keith Keane

Walsall making light work of win

WB Dartmouth 4th XI 128-9 Walsall 3rd XI 129-4

Walsall won by 6 wickets.
WALSALL Thirds made light work of the target thanks to 54no from Ian Radford after WBD's Nilesh Patel (39) and Anish Mehey (25) top scored for Dartmouth.

mouth.
Penkridge 3rd XI 226-7
WBD 109
Penk won by 117 runs

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